

MPs want to punish Times for disclosure

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

The House of Commons is to be asked to punish The Times and Mr Richard Evans, its lobby reporter, for committing a serious contempt of Parliament in leaking a draft select committee report on radioactive waste disposal last December.

The Committee of Privileges, which is chaired by Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, yesterday found "that a serious contempt was committed by whoever enabled The Times to obtain a copy of the draft report of the chairman of the environment committee, by the journalist who wrote the article and by the editor of The Times who published it."

With Mr Tony Benn opposing the report, six Conservative and five Labour MPs recommended that Mr Evans should be barred from the precincts of the Commons for six months and that The Times should lose one of its accredited parliamentary lobby passes for the same period.

The Prime Minister yesterday refused to be drawn on the matter, saying during Commons questions that it was a House of Commons matter and for the House to decide.

The report, which is expected to be considered by the House before the Whitsun recess on May 23, said that it had not been possible to assess precisely the extent of the damage actually done by the "leak" of the committee's draft.

But the privileges committee said that it had been convinced by the evidence of Sir Hugh Rossi, Conservative chairman of the environment committee, "that damage was done on this occasion".

The report said: "The damage amounted to substantial interference with the work of this particular committee. Every leak of this kind is also a further threat to the effective operation of other committees."

It said that Mr Evans had "shown scant respect for the traditions and rules of the House in this matter. He has openly drawn attention to the leaks he has published and he has committed breaches of privilege in this way on a number of occasions."

It also said that Mr Charles Wilson, the editor of The Times, "must bear a major share of responsibility for this serious contempt of the House. The practice of publishing leaks from select committees has clearly been the policy of his newspaper, and the newspaper itself should not be allowed to continue its work in the Palace of Westminster without suffering some restriction as a result of this policy."

Mr John Cartwright, SDP MP for Woolwich, said during Prime Minister's questions that it was ironic that select committees, designed to throw light on the workings of Whitehall, should be in danger of establishing the same rules of secrecy around their affairs that they would condemn if they occurred in Whitehall.

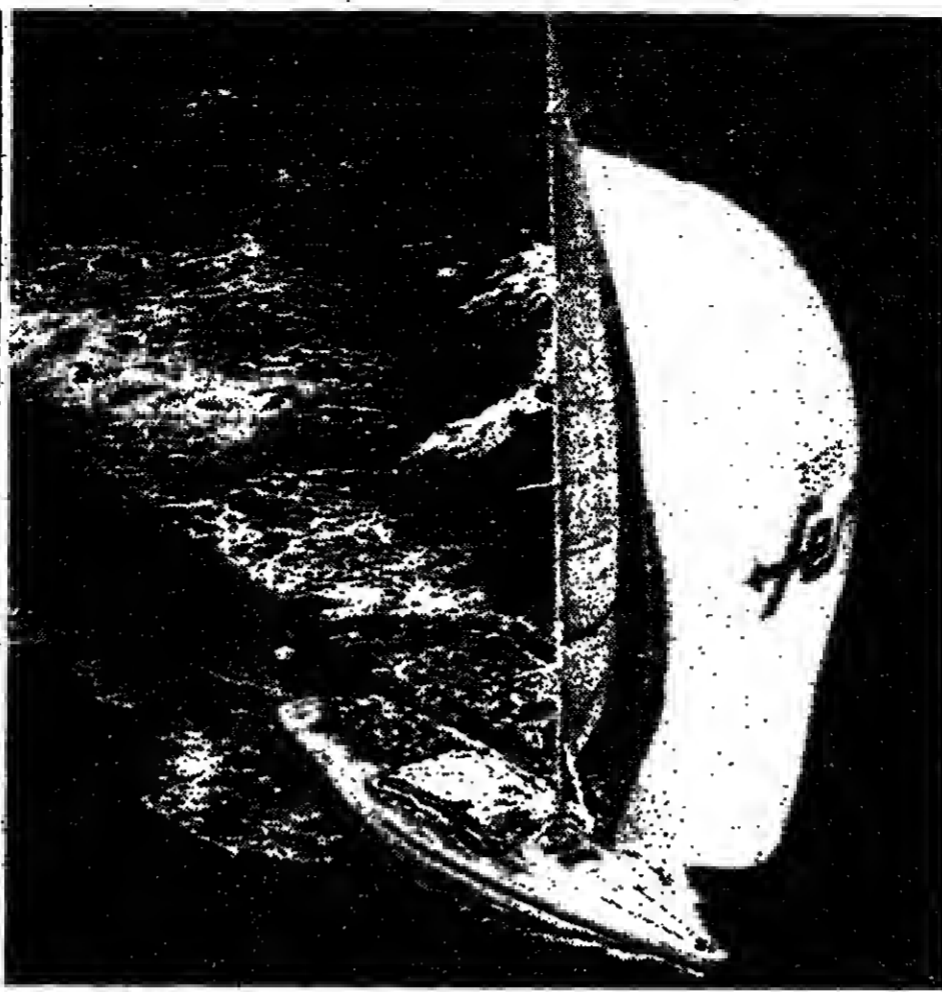
The last time the privileges committee recommended six months' exclusion from the Commons as a punishment for journalists publishing the leaked contents of select committee work was in 1975, after The Economist disclosed details of a draft report on wealth tax. The Commons voted 64 to 55 in support of an amendment from Mr Paul Channon, now Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that although the leak was to be regretted no further action should be taken.

Mr Benn made it clear in the Commons yesterday that the issue of disclosure of information on radioactive waste far outweighed any consideration of News International and the current dispute at Wapping.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, said that without condoning the actions of News International the public would condemn the House if it took the irresponsible action of expelling Mr Evans.

Mr Chris Moncrieff, chairman of the Lobby Journalists and chief political correspondent of the Press Association news agency, said yesterday: "Journalists will never refuse confidential documents of public interest, passed to them either from government sources, MPs or anyone else."

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Swiss beat the Drum

Race leader UBS Switzerland heads into the English Channel yesterday on her way to victory in the round-the-world yacht race. The Swiss boat, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann (pictured left), is due at Portsmouth in time for a champagne breakfast today well ahead of Drum, the British boat owned by pop singer Simon Le Bon.

How bomb victims were found

A fireman's story of how he found Mr Norman Tebbit and his wife under rubble after the bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, two years ago was told to a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

On the third day of the trial of the Belfast man who has pleaded not guilty to the bombing of the hotel, a series of statements and evidence from police, the fireman and witnesses whose partners were killed as a result of the blast on the last night of the Conservative Party's annual conference.

The court was told how the fireman discovered Mr Tebbit and his wife after he saw two hands sticking out of the rubble in the hotel. They were later rescued.

The statements included details of what happened to Mr John Wakeham, the government Chief Whip, and the wife of Sir Anthony Berry, a Conservative MP killed by the blast.

The court heard how people were woken by the blast early on the morning of 12 October. Mr Wakeham fell from his bedroom, room 428, to the foyer of the hotel.

Lady Berry, in room 328, heard a bang. In her statement she said she felt she was falling and everything was falling with her. She said: "The noise was terrible. I thought I was dying or going to die."

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Hailsham move to cut legal aid cost

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor's officials have put forward a radical package of cost-cutting proposals for legal aid work which would fundamentally change lawyers' working practices and bring about large savings in the legal aid bill.

The proposals have been tabled during current negotiations between the Lord Chancellor's Department and the profession on legal aid fees, now under way within a timetable agreed in the wake of the Bar's successful High Court action against Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

They go far wider than was indicated in talks in the autumn before the legal proceedings were launched after Lord Hailsham's offer of a routine 5 per cent uprating for inflation.

The Government is concerned that present working practices do not provide the best value for money for the taxpayer from the £320 million a year legal aid scheme; it says legal aid firms are ill organized to do the work and that courts' administration, particularly listing of cases, could be improved.

A key proposal is that both solicitors and barristers be paid on a new system of "fixed" or "standard" fees for certain categories of cases. For solicitors that would mean that instead of the present hourly basis, legal aid work would be paid on a fixed rate. So a "guilty plea" hearing in the magistrates' court, for example, would be paid a set sum, and not according to the hours spent.

For barristers, it would mean abolishing the traditional "fee with brief" in large numbers of cases. There would be "sessional" or block fees for a morning or afternoon's work in the magistrates' court; and fixed or standard fees for a number of cases in the Crown court.

All present lawyers are paid after the case, and through a

New risk facing stricken reactor

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

After 13 days, the Soviet authorities have still failed to neutralize the stricken Chernobyl nuclear reactor, and are taking steps to avert a meltdown, which would pose a far greater risk of radioactive contamination than has already occurred.

Western envoys were first alerted that there was concern about such a possibility when a West German scientist in Washington was approached by a Soviet representative asking for advice on preventing "a hot, molten mass" melting through the concrete foundations of a reactor building.

The scientist, Thomas Roser, of the German Atomic Forum, did not elaborate, but his account followed the disclosure in yesterday's Pravda that members of the emergency team were working under as well as next to the damaged reactor.

Later, a Western diplomat with access to satellite photographs said: "They have a hell of a problem still."

Pravda reported that the accident was far from being nearly over, as some Westerners had expected, and thousands of volunteers were struggling to control the crippled reactor. Helicopters were dropping sand, lead, clay and other materials on it to smother the leaking radioactivity.

Because the Kremlin has withheld information, Western scientific officers in Moscow were unable to say with confidence how great the dangers of a melt-down were.

One said that if it happened, the reactor would soon hit the high Ukrainian water-table, causing an effect "like a nuclear boiler".

A Western diplomat said it had been learnt that it was nearly a week before 30,000 residents were evacuated from the town of Chernobyl.

As the Soviet press widened its coverage yesterday, it emerged that the plant was under-staffed on the night of the fatal accident because of the approach of May Day.

Sovietskaya Rossiya said: "Many people, including staff at the power plant, had gone on holiday."

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Chinese puzzle over an hour

From a Correspondent, Peking

A Chinese maid who works for an American family in Peking arrived for work an hour late on Sunday, the first day when clocks had been officially put forward by an hour.

Asked if she had forgotten about the time change or had overslept, the maid replied that no, she was fully aware of the time change and had not overslept. But she had thought that the change applied only to Chinese and not to foreigners, whom (she had assumed) remained on the old time.

It is a typical example of the state-sponsored pandemonium that has broken out with the introduction of daylight saving to China.

The idea, according to a Communist Party circular, was to save energy, specifically 1.5 billion kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

Chinese clocks are scheduled to be turned back one hour at 2 am on September 14. Moreover, the new system was supposed to foster among workers "the good habit of getting up early and going to bed early, thus enhancing their efficiency."

But given the national reaction this week and China's sheer size (it sprawls across five time zones but has traditionally operated on Peking time), the authorities may just as well have decreed mass confusion seasoned with a dash of hysteria.

Long-distance buses, some river boat lines and the country's railroads, for example, continued to run on the old time while China's national airline announced that all its flights (as well as those of foreign carriers operating in China) would be postponed one hour.

Travellers thus faced the prospect of missing connecting flights and trains.

Many Chinese feared that the time change would affect their health.

In modern China convention has it that breakfast at 6 am, lunch at 12 noon and dinner at 6 pm keeps one fit.

Concerned citizens wondered if the new time would unduly shorten or lengthen the intervals between meals.

Tomorrow

Message of the polls

David Butler analyses the results of yesterday's by-elections in West Derbyshire and Ryedale and the local elections

Portfolio Gold

There was no winner again yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition, so today there is £12,000 to be won. Tomorrow the weekly prize is £16,000, double the usual amount because no one won last week. Portfolio list, page 33; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

Watt verdict

A pathologist told an inquest into the death of Steve Watt, the Scottish boxer, that she was "flabbergasted" by the damaged state of his brain. A verdict of misadventure was recorded. Page 3

Quake fears

Thousands fled their homes on America's west coast in fear of tidal waves after an earthquake in the remote Aleutian Islands, off Alaska. Page 7

Spring recess

The Commons will adjourn for the spring recess on Friday, May 23 and return on Tuesday, June 3.

Princess 'okay' on arrival in Tokyo

From David Watts, Kyoto

The Princess of Wales walked off the jet which brought her to Japan last night and told a beaming Crown Prince Hiro that she was feeling "okay".

Both the Prince and Princess slept well on the flight from Vancouver and there is no need to change the royal itinerary after the fainting spell which the Princess suffered at Expo 86, according to the palace spokesman.

Despite her protestation of good health, the Princess looked slightly wan and subdued as she came down the stairs of the airliner into the full glare of television lights and the flashes of some 200 cameras at Osaka airport.

She smiled only faintly during the brief reception ceremony, but the palace spokesman insisted: "She's a very healthy lady."

He denied press reports that she had suffered fainting attacks before, including one during a royal ski trip.

The Royal couple, who left the airport rather behind schedule, had no event scheduled for their first evening after the late arrival from Canada. Because of the late arrival the crowd outside the airport was relatively small.

But more than 10,000 people gathered outside the Oniya Palace to welcome them to their temporary home.

Today they start their tour with a full schedule in the ancient capital, beginning with a visit to the detached royal palace at Shugaku-in, which has had an extraordinarily chequered career since it was completed in the 1650s.

Security for the visit is unobtrusive. Some 7,000 police are on duty in connection with the visit which, by the standards of the recent Tokyo summit, is not heavy policing.

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Anxious Tories at the polls

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government was last night anxiously awaiting the outcome of the biggest test of opinion before the next General Election.

More than two-thirds of Britain's electors had the opportunity to vote in district council elections in England and Wales, and the London boroughs, and the 12 Scottish Region and Island Councils.

But Conservatives were most nervous at the two parliamentary by-elections in Ryedale and West Derbyshire. A Gallup opinion poll showed the Alliance clearly in the lead at Ryedale.

But an extremely close result appeared likely at West Derbyshire, where the Government is defending a 15.325 majority. Early indications in the constituency suggested a 70 per cent turn-out, and the Alliance was pinning hopes on tactical voting by Labour supporters.

But yesterday, Labour workers were claiming that Mr Bill Moore, their candidate, was receiving firm support at polling stations in Belper, Ashbourne, and Wirksworth.

One of the most crucial local election results was awaited in Liverpool, where voters had the opportunity of voting the control of the Militant-dominated Labour Party.

Seventeen of the 34 city council wards returning councillors were held by Labour, with most observers predicting that they would lose sufficient seats to surrender their overall majority.

The Alliance could then find itself with the chance of taking power with Conservative support.

Altogether in the local elections, 15,700 candidates contested 5,180 seats on 209 councils.

Sugar inquiry likely

The Government is about to order a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the sugar industry.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is expected next week to refer to the commission two competing £480 million takeover bids for S & W Erisford, the commodity trading group which owns British Sugar.

The bids have been made by Tate & Lyle and Hilldown Holdings, the foods group.

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Tributes flow for Shinwell the fighter

By Paul Valley

Generous tributes were paid by politicians after the announcement of the death of Lord Shinwell, the consummate Labour Party veteran who died yesterday at the age of 101.

He had contracted double pneumonia after leaving hospital six weeks ago and refused to return for treatment.

Inevitably, as Lord Shinwell had been the only survivor of the first and second Labour governments and the early years of the Labour movement, the eulogies concentrated on more recent years.

Lord Whitelaw, deputy Prime Minister, said: "For me

came a respected parliamentarian".

For the Social Democrats, Lord Diamond recalled "his doggedness in fighting for fairness for his fellow man".

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Neil Kinnock, praised Lord Shinwell's belief that "strength and power should be used to help those who were not strong or powerful."

The former Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, who served as a junior minister in the post-war Labour government in which Emanuel Shinwell was a Cabinet minister, said: "He brought a feeling of passion and belief to everything he did. He could stir his

audience. That, in the early days of the Labour movement, was important in conveying a sense of conviction that things could be done."

Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West and former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who spent much of the last two days with Lord Shinwell, said: "He was interested in life until the moment he left it. A legend has passed away."

The Queen sent a message of condolence to Lord Shinwell's son, Ernest. The funeral will be at Golders Green crematorium at 3.30pm today.

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Dhaka poll protest

By Michael Hamilya, Dhaka

The first protest meeting against the "election robbery" by the Bangladeshi government was called yesterday by Sheikh Hasina Wazed, leader of the principal opposition party, the Awami League.

Sheikh Hasina said that a public meeting would be held tomorrow in the street outside the party office in Dhaka.

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Shorter working week may be discussed in prison staff dispute

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A reduction in the working week of prison officers, which could imply more overtime, not less, is the agenda for their talks with the Home Office.

The amount of overtime officers work is one of the most controversial issues of the dispute. A ban on overtime, which illustrated the reliance of the system on it, was disclosed before riots and arson bit prisons.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, in a letter to the Prison Officers' Association, said that settling a shorter week, and this year's pay claim, depended on the threat of industrial action being lifted. If it was, he would ask the Treasury to settle the deal as soon as reasonably possible.

Mr Leon Brittan, when Home Secretary, had given an undertaking on the shorter week, Mr Hurd said.

Prison officers expect it to be reduced from 40 hours to 39 hours, but the implications

have not yet been thought through. A meeting yesterday between POA leaders and Prison Department officials discussed the proposals in the letter. But Mr Phil Hornsby, a POA assistant secretary, said afterwards of the reduction in hours: "That is one of the issues we are getting clarification on. We haven't reached that."

He was unwilling to discuss the implications, which are likely to create a dilemma for officers' leaders, before facing their annual conference on May 20.

The issue could be resolved in one of at least three ways, each one of which could damage one of the parties to the dispute.

The lost hour could be made up by extra overtime, which would be a negation of what the Prison Department has been arguing and would hardly be acceptable to it.

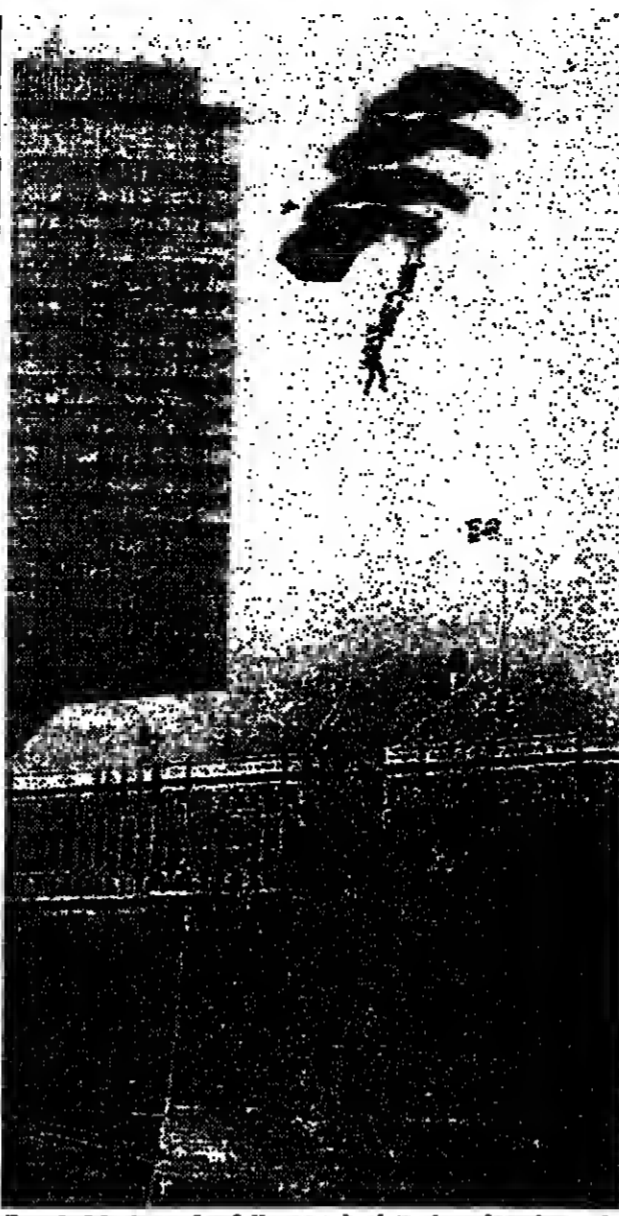
More officers could be taken on, which would add to costs and undermine the

department's case for cutting them. Or the POA could admit that there was inefficiency which could be saved by a streamlining of duties; the same staff could work harder.

Overtime working by prison officers averages about 16.5 hours a week, on top of the net working week of 40 hours. Overtime makes up on average about 30 per cent of prison officers' earnings.

In the longer term, management is to put forward proposals for new pay arrangements and working practices for detailed discussions, with a view to new arrangements by April 1987.

Today the POA's national executive will have a report on yesterday's meeting, with a further one expected with Home Office officials next week, the last chance, before the annual conference, of preparing a package that can persuade members to lift the threat of industrial action. That can be done only by a further ballot.



Royal Marines freefall parachutists jumping into the Thames yesterday to raise money for the Save the Children Fund. They had intended to set a five-man stacking record, but only four linked up (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Coke loses monopoly right to bottle

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Coca-Cola, the drink company, had some of the fizz taken out of its hundredth birthday celebrations yesterday when the House of Lords ruled that it had no exclusive right to its distinctive-shaped bottle.

The non-alcoholic drink has been sold in the United Kingdom for more than 60 years, and the company claimed it was entitled to register the bottle as a trademark.

But the five law lords ruled that the company had no right to its bottle and dismissed its appeal against a ruling by the Court of Appeal, which upheld a decision of the High Court.

Giving judgment, Lord Templeman said that the bottle could not be registered under the Patents Act 1977 because it was "not a novel product". Nor could it be protected under the Copyright Act 1956 because it was not "an artistic work".

The bottle had been accepted for registration under the Patents and Designs Act, 1907, but that expired in 1940.

"A rival manufacturer must be free to sell any container or article of similar shape, provided the container, or article, is labelled or packaged in a manner which avoids confusion as to the origin of the goods, or of the article," Lord Templeman said.

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Sogat warned on conduct after apology to court

By Michael McCarthy

The print union Sogat '82 was given a stern warning yesterday by a High Court judge about its conduct of the Wapping dispute, when it apologized for its three-month contempt of court and regained control of its sequestered assets, worth £17 million.

Miss Brenda Dean, the union's general secretary, appeared, with members of the executive, before Mr Justice Hirst and gave assurances that they had withdrawn their instructions to wholesalers not to handle newspapers produced at Mr Rupert Murdoch's east London plant.

The union was found in contempt for breach of a court order outlawing the instruction made in January, and besides suffering sequestration of its property, had been fined £25,000. The judge ordered the sequestration to be lifted immediately. But he gave the union a warning about its future conduct in the dispute.

In a direct reference to recent violence outside the plant, he drew the union's attention to part of the original court order, made by Mr Justice Gatcheou on January 27, that enjoined it from "intimidating" employees of News International.

He sought a specific assurance that would be complied with. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, for the union, gave the

assurance, after conferring with Miss Dean: "I cannot stress too strongly the significance of this undertaking. Breach of it would constitute a further contempt."

It went "far beyond mere instructions to employees in wholesalers no longer to black the plaintiff's newspapers."

After the case, Miss Dean said: "Of course we are pleased to have back in our control our union."

"But I still feel very bitter about the way the laws of this country are structured against trade unions and ordinary working men and women."

Earlier, Miss Dean had accompanied Mr Peter Shore and Mr Ron Leighton, the Labour MPs, to see Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, about the dispute at Wapping.

"We told him we want to get the demonstrations right. For 13 weeks they have been completely peaceful," she said.

Mr Shaw described the hour-long meeting, which was also attended by officials of Sogat '82, the National Graphical Association and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, as "constructive".

He said that he had not agreed to set up an independent inquiry into the events at Wapping, but he undertook to pass on the delegation's concern to the Home Secretary.

Scargill gets help with bill

Trade unionists are to help pay Mr Arthur Scargill's estimated £100,000 legal bill for his unsuccessful High Court damages claim, he said yesterday.

The miners' leader refused to say how many people had come forward with offers of cash or to which unions they belong.

But he told reporters after a meeting of the National Union of Mineworkers national executive in Sheffield that the NUM would not have to settle the bill.

"The amount of assistance being promised from very wide sections of the movement are considerable, and it would appear there will be no cost whatsoever to the NUM," Mr Scargill said.

After he lost his claim against South Yorkshire police, who he alleged falsely imprisoned him outside his home, Mr Scargill said he would be donating the salary still owed to him during eight months of the miners' strike to the costs bill.

Yesterday he was adamant the matter was not discussed at the executive meeting and he repeated that the court action had been authorized by the executive on September 16, 1982.

Mr Scargill said the union would go before the High Court on May 14 in an attempt to have the receivership imposed against the union during the long-running pit dispute discharged.

Expansion for airports urged

The Association of British Travel Agents yesterday called on the Government to consider a second runway at Gatwick airport and a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

The association also said the Government should consider easing curbs on night flying in view of the new generation of quieter aircraft.

BR pension fund to show treasures

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Hitherto unknown treasures from the British Rail Pension Fund's art collection are to be exhibited at the International Ceramics Fair and Seminar at the Dorchester hotel in Park Lane from June 13 to June 16.

The fund came to the rescue of the fair organizers after an American porcelain collection, scheduled for exhibition, was withdrawn because of fears over terrorism.

In a last minute switch, 46 items from the fund's reserve collection, at present in store, are to be shown instead.

The long promised exhibition was of Chinese Ming and Qing porcelains from the collection formed by Mr and Mrs Ira M. Koger, normally on show at the Jacksonville Art Museum in Florida.

News that the Koger collection would go after all make its European debut at the fair, was announced to the organizers by telegram.

It read: "Because of the increasing threat of terrorist acts against US citizens and property, the Trustees of the Ira and Nancy Koger Foundation have voted to withdraw its Chinese ceramics from the exhibit at the International Ceramics Fair."

The trustees went on to explain that "the decision was reached, not only out of concern for the people involved, but also out of respect for the irreplaceable nature of the objects themselves".

A large group of the BR Pension Fund Chinese porcelains are on loan to the Dallas Museum, but happily the reserve collection contains some superb pieces.

The exhibition will include a prancing Tang horse, an equestrian drummer of the Wei dynasty, an apparently unique Longquan celadon bell, a Yuan dynasty blue and white fish bowl and an eighteenth century rose-verte porcelain vase decorated with exotic birds in a rocky landscape.

Scotland buys Bernini bust for record £3m

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

The announcement that the National Gallery of Scotland has acquired Bernini's marble bust of Cardinal dal Pozzo for £3 million, more than any piece of sculpture has ever fetched on the open market, brings a year-long heritage struggle to a conclusion.

The gallery has, in fact, acquired it at a knockdown price. For insurance purposes the bust is valued at £7.5 million, the difference having been absorbed by the Treasury in lieu of capital transfer tax.

The bust comes from Castle Howard, the famous Vanbrugh house where the television series, *Brideshead*, was filmed. It belonged to the family of the late Lord Howard of Henderskelfe, former

£20m for sports on BBC

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The BBC is embarking on its costliest and most extensive sports coverage this summer with the World Cup, Wimbledon, the British Open golf championship and the Commonwealth Games taking the main share of programming over the next four months.

The summer's highlights will also include Prince Andrew's marriage to Miss Sarah Ferguson in July and a new selection of British and American dramas and plays.

"I cannot remember a sports season like this. We will be spending up to £20 million," Mr Jonathan Martin, head of BBC television sport, said.

However, the summer's greatest attraction will almost certainly be the royal wedding at Westminster Abbey on July 23. Selma Scott and Frank Booby will begin the morning's coverage on *Breakfast Time*, and David Dimbleby and Sue Lawley will coordinate live coverage of the ceremony.

On the drama side the BBC will air seven Sunday plays starting on July 13, including performances by Paul Scofield in *Only Yesterday*, Hazel O'Connor plays the leading role in a five-part serial called *Fighting Back*, about a young unemployed mother.

Bell's Bells heads the new entertainment and comedy programme on BBC-1, with Derek Nimmo starring as a bishop. Topping the documentary selection is a £1.7 million series called *Africa*.

The BBC will also be showing a selection of feature films this summer with special tributes to James Mason and John Huston.

British nuclear record gives confidence, Thatcher says

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister said yesterday that the excellent record of the nuclear industry in Britain would itself restore public confidence in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.

Answering Commons questions after a lengthy Cabinet discussion on the ramifications of Chernobyl, Mrs Thatcher agreed that there should be no panic decisions and told MPs:

"The record of the nuclear industry in this country has been excellent because in civil installations there have been no fatalities in this country."

"Provided we go on, as we shall, in safety to design, manufacture, mode of operation, and maintenance I believe that record will continue and give the public confidence once again."

Mrs Thatcher also said that she sympathized with a point made by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, that information on radioactivity should be put in a form which ordinary people could understand.

Protests mark Irish link talks

By Richard Ford

"Loyalist" protests in Northern Ireland will mark the fifth meeting of the Joint Anglo-Irish Ministerial Conference in London today, when security cooperation and the administration of justice will top the agenda.

The choice of venue is part of efforts by the British and Irish governments to operate the centrepiece of the Anglo-Irish agreement "sensitively", avoiding the tensions aroused in the Unionist community when it is held at Stormont.

With the Government and two Unionist parties involved in delicate negotiations aimed at settling up "talks about talks", Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is anxious to do nothing that will end the attempt to break the political deadlock.

Although it was envisaged that the conference, jointly chaired by Mr King and Mr Peter Barry, the republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, would meet frequently, there have been gaps of eight and a half weeks between the last two meetings, and little has emerged to change things visibly in the north.

At today's meeting there will be reports on the work of two sub-committees of Civil Servants investigating the administration of justice in the north, and the harmonization of anti-violence legislation in both parts of the island. There will be reports also on cross-border security cooperation and relations between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the community.

Call to end religious oath in courts

By our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The religious oath in criminal proceedings should be abolished and replaced with an undertaking to tell the truth, the all-party law reform group, Justice, recommended yesterday.

In its report, *Witnesses in the Criminal Courts*, says that a simple, non-religious undertaking to speak the truth would be "more meaningful and more generally acceptable and more likely to serve the cause of justice".

This would "provide the necessary reminder of the solemnity of the occasion, and of the importance of the information".

The report, which says that witnesses in trials are not accorded the treatment and status they deserve, also recommends that a court should be able to call witnesses on the basis of an application by one party, or on its own volition.

Witnesses should also be encouraged by the court to volunteer information during questioning, or at the end of it, on points covered. When complaints about trials are investigated by Justice, it "not infrequently appears that important information was known to a witness, but was not brought out".

The Committee of Privileges No leaks punishment in 154 years

By Colin Hughes, Whitehall Correspondent

If the House of Commons confirms its Committee of Privileges recommendation to ban a lobby reporter on *The Times* for publishing a leaked draft select committee report, it will be the first time punishment has been carried out for 154 years.

In the most recent "leak" case, Mr Mark Schreiber, a reporter for *The Economist*, was to be banned for six months, but MPs overruled the Committee of Privileges recommendation by 64 votes to 55. Not only did a majority of MPs present not want to pursue the issue to punishment; only one in five turned up for the debate at all.

The last case of punishment was in 1832, when Thomas Sheehan, proprietor of the *Dublin Evening Mail*, was committed into the custody of the Sergeant of the House, and later discharged after being admonished by the Speaker.

He had published the contents of a select committee draft report on tithes in Ireland, which had not been agreed by the committee or seen by the House as a whole. Having committed a "high breach of privilege", he suffered the worst penalty, imprisonment, which is still open to MPs to use.

The "ancient and undoubted privileges" of the House of Commons, as they are called when the Speaker claims them from the Crown at the opening of every parliament, were first granted in Tudor times as a protection from the King,

though later used to protect MPs from constituents.

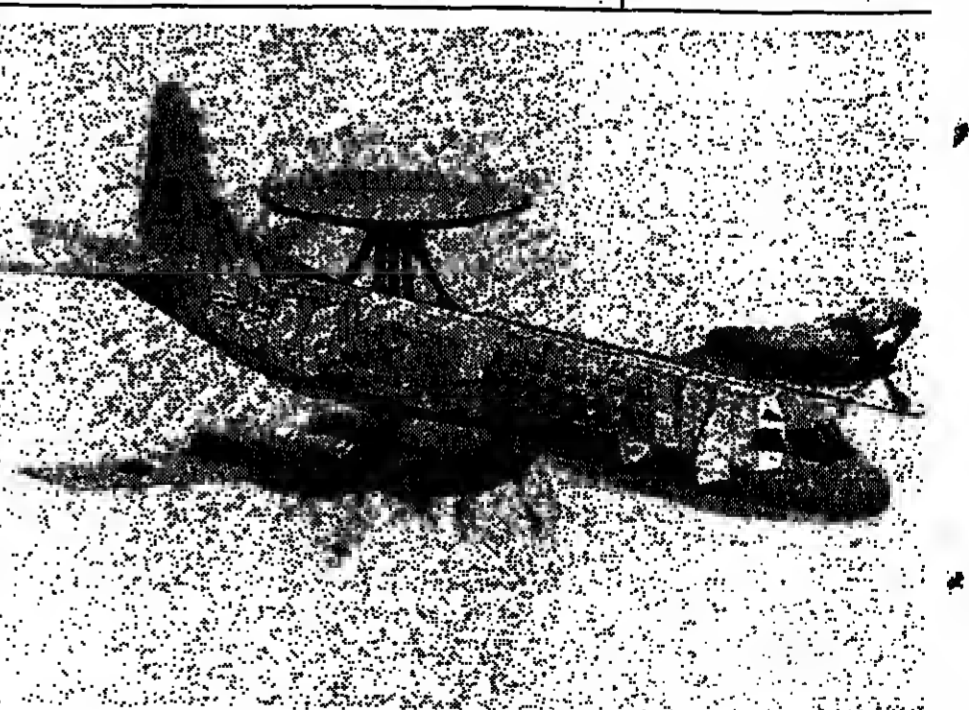
Those claimed specifically by the Speaker ensure absolute privilege on freedom of speech in debate, freedom from arrest, and access to the Crown. But other privileges are born of specific resolutions by the House.

The Commons, for example, has a right to "exclusive cognizance of matters arising within its precincts", and the right to punish for contempt. Punishments range from admonishment or reprimand, to the power to exclude (even MPs, whose seats can be declared vacant), to imprisonment.

Cases going back to 1580 show that publication of proceedings has always been regarded as possible contempt. Until the late eighteenth century publication of any parliamentary debate was likely to lead to imprisonment.

But leaks from select committees were not specifically incorporated until a resolution of the House in 1837, when the *True Sun* newspaper published evidence to the Poor Law Act select committee before it was reported to the House.

Although no action was taken (because the *True Sun* apologized), it was agreed then that, "according to the undoubted privileges of this House", evidence and documents of select committees which have not been reported to the House "ought not to be published by any member of such committee, or by any other person". The only sub-



The proposed interior of the P-3 early-warning aircraft.

US bid threat to Nimrod

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A formal bid for the multimillion-pound contract to supply early-warning radar patrol aircraft to the Ministry of Defence, in preference to the British Nimrod design, was made yesterday by Lockheed, the California-based group.

The Nimrod programme has already cost about £1,000 million and has provoked a great deal of criticism even within the Cabinet, which has been exploring the possibility of an American alternative.

Lockheed, anticipating criticisms from the pro-British lobby, claims to have signed agreements with 18 British companies to provide mechanical and electronic systems, if it were to obtain the contract. It also promises to spend as much in Britain as the value of the contract.

The tender, which will be followed by a more detailed financial costing in June, was submitted to the British Embassy in Washington yesterday by the American authorities, and will be passed to the MoD today.

The Lockheed early-warning aircraft, called the P-3 Orion, carries a highly sensitive radar system allowing the crew to detect and track the enemy in the air, on land or at sea. The radar is supplied by General Electric, the American group.

Fireman tells bombing trial of finding Tebbit and wife in rubble

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A fireman searching the Grand Hotel in Brighton after the bombing attack came across a male hand and a female hand sticking out of the debris, a jury at Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. One hand belonged to Mr Norman Tebbit, then a senior minister, and the other to his wife Margaret.

Details of the fireman's discovery was given on the third day of the trial of Patrick Joseph Magee, aged 34, from Belfast, who has pleaded not guilty to seven charges involving the 1984 bombing, including five counts of murder. He and four others have pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to cause explosions in 1985.

Yesterday the jury heard a statement from Mr John Hall, a Sussex fireman, called to the hotel after the blast on October 12, 1984, on the last night of the Conservative Party conference.

Mr Hall and other firemen came to the rubble at the front of the inside of the hotel. He heard a female voice above the din of an alarm bell. Mr Hall tried to look over the rubble and saw two hands. "I looked and saw two hands. I took hold of the female hand and it was Mrs Tebbit. The fireman said he asked her if she could feel him in case the hand belonged to a third person, but Mrs

Tebbit did not respond. Mr Hall said he took hold of the male hand, and asked Mr Tebbit if it was him. Mr Tebbit said it was. Mr Hall said: "I told him I would get some help but he carried on gripping and asked me not to go." The fireman stayed with Mr Tebbit, then Secretary of State for Employment and now chairman of the Conservative Party, for a time.

In his statement the fireman said he also spoke to Lady Berry, who was injured with pains in her back and asking where her husband was. Sir Anthony, Conservative MP for Enfield Southgate, was later found dead near by.

In her statement to the court Lady Berry said that when she and her husband had originally checked in to room 328 in the hotel, she had chosen the bed nearest the bathroom but later that day changed her mind and had taken the other bed. On the night of the blast her last sight of her husband at shortly after 2.30 am was seeing him standing by putting on his pyjamas.

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, described in his statement to the court what happened to him when the blast occurred. His wife, Roberta, was killed. Mr Wakeham went to sleep and then "the next thing I can

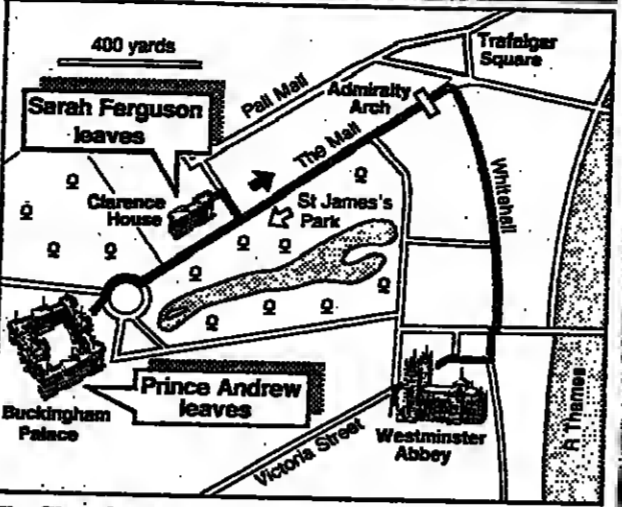
remember is being woken by a loud bang and a blinding flash of light. I formed the impression I was still in my room but in actual fact I was in the foyer of the hotel".

Mr Wakeham said he thought he heard his wife's voice asking what they should do and he told her that they had to wait. Mrs Jennifer Taylor lost her husband Eric in the blast. He was chairman of the North-west Area Conservative Association. In her statement Mrs Taylor said the couple went to bed about 2 am. When the blast happened she felt herself lifted upwards and then had the sensation of falling.

She said: "When I finished falling I opened my eyes, believing I had been dreaming."

She found herself on the ground and called out for her husband, she made contact with Mr Gordon Shattock, whose wife died in the blast. He told her to stay still and then the two met up, holding hands and looking for a way out.

Dr Anthony Trafford told the court that Mrs Muriel MacLean, wife of the chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, died after four weeks in life support systems in a Sussex hospital. The hearing continues today.



The Glass Coach (top), which may give the public the first glimpse of the bride. The route to and from Westminster Abbey (above), and (right) Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson.

Family affair at the Abbey

By Alan Hamilton

The wedding of Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson on July 23 will be more of a family affair than that of the Prince and Princess of Wales five years ago. Although the Government has not made the day a public holiday, many thousands are expected to line the processional route to and from the Abbey, in spite of the reported decline in holiday bookings from American tourists afraid of terrorist acts.

Because Prince Andrew is only the Queen's second son, there will be fewer diplomatic

and official representatives among more than 2,000 guests at the Abbey, but otherwise the occasion will be accorded the full ceremonial panoply.

Prince Andrew and his supporter, Prince Edward, will leave Buckingham Palace by carriage and travel by the Mall, Admiralty Arch, Trafalgar Square and Whitehall to the West Door of the Abbey. The route through the Arch is at his own request as an acknowledgement to the Navy in which he is a serving officer.

The Prince's carriage will be accompanied by a Captain's Escort of the Life Guards.

Like the Princess of Wales on her wedding day, Miss Ferguson will leave from the Queen Mother's home at Clarence House, and will follow a similar route to the Abbey under Admiralty Arch.

It is expected that, depending on the weather, the bride will ride in either the Glass Coach or an open landau.

The Palace said yesterday that the bride's bouquet is to be made by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners and floral decoration in the Abbey is to be handled by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Law urged to spare children from court

By Tim Jones

A Scotland Yard officer said yesterday that the Government may have to change the law to spare children who have been sexually abused from the trauma of a trial.

Det Supt Peter Gwynn said the law should allow videotaped evidence given by children to be accepted without them having to be present. Such videos can be shown now only with the consent of the defence.

He told a conference of international experts in Cardiff: "This is our next challenge. We have not been put off so far. If we show ourselves to have a sound basis we may ask the Government to change the law."

Mr Gwynn, who is chairman of a new joint police and social services team dealing with child sex cases in Bexley, south London, said that since an experiment had begun in March officers had taken 14 video tapes of children making allegations of sexual abuse.

Videos, he said, could also be used to spare a child from seemingly endless interviews.

The attitude of some professionals, would also have to change. "Adults are usually believed above children. There is a popular mythology that children fabricate. We have got to believe the child until proven otherwise."

Dr Neil Frude, of the department of psychology, University College Cardiff, told delegates to the conference, organized by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, that sexual abuse had been found to be far more common than had ever been seriously suggested.

"No fewer than 10 per cent of girls experience sexual abuse in childhood. The figures for boys are less, but still at least 6 per cent are sexually abused."

Boxer required ringside surgery

A ringside operation was the only thing that could have saved Steve Watt, aged 29, the Scottish welterweight champion, when he collapsed after a fight, an inquest was told yesterday.

But such an operation would have been impossible, Mr Peter Richards, a neurosurgeon, said.

Watt, of Iveagh Close, Northwood, north-west London, died from brain haemorrhage due to rapid rise in pressure, after the referee had stopped his fight against Rocky Kelly in the tenth round at the West Hotel, Fulham, west London, on March 14.

Dr Helen Grant, a pathologist, told the inquest that Watt's brain had been damaged because of previous bouts. She said that there were gaps in the brain and also holes where nerve cells should have been.

"I was flabbergasted by the damage."

Recording a misadventure verdict, Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, welcomed new regulations which will see professional fighters have regular brain scans. He said that an ambulance should always be available at boxing contests and there should be direct transfer to a hospital with neurological facilities.

Mr Richards suggested that boxers should also be given a psychological test at annual periods.

The referee, Mr Sidney Nathan, said that he had stopped the fight because Watt had begun to wilt. He was in a position where he could not defend himself.

Mr Nathan, who has been a referee for 28 years, added that Watt returned to his corner after he told him: "I am all right." He then collapsed and doctors were immediately at the ringside.

Rail union judgement criticized

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

The court ruling that railway unions can be sued by ticket holders for losses and inconvenience caused by industrial action called without a secret ballot, provoked a sceptical reaction from labour lawyers yesterday.

The common view was that Wednesday's ruling by Judge Henham at Sheffield County Court would be overturned by the Court of Appeal.

Mr Robert Simpson, lecturer in labour law at the London School of Economics, said that in his view the ruling was wrong, and contrary to a 1982 House of Lords decision in the case of *Lombard v. Shiel*.

He said: "There is no such principle in English law that someone who suffers wrong as a result of an unlawful act has a cause of action. He must prove an existing tort."

The only conceivable tort in such a case would involve interference with business by unlawful means.

But one of the ingredients of that tort was that the defendants, in this case the railway unions, had intended to cause damage specifically to the plaintiff, the rail traveller. That was obviously not the case, Mr Simpson said.

The two rail unions involved in the case said they intend to appeal against the judgement, to which Judge Henham ordered that they pay £153 damages to a Sheffield businessman, Mr Angus Falconer, who was stranded in London during a one-day rail strike last year.

Student to sue over train fall

Mr Paul Dungey, aged 23, a student, of Deep Dale Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, is to sue British Rail for negligence and damages after being cleared yesterday by Abergele magistrates, North Wales, of a charge, brought by the railway board, of leaving a carriage while the train was moving.

He was seriously injured after falling from a train at Colwyn Bay station, and had pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Bomb victims flown home

Two British holidaymakers injured in a bomb explosion which destroyed a Sri Lankan aircraft at Colombo have been flown to London.

Miss Rosemary Ano Simmons, aged 24, and her friend, Mr Simon Carter, aged 29, both of London, were in a stable condition in Queen Mary's Hospital yesterday.

Male pregnancy 'achievable soon'

By Our Science Correspondent

Some scientists believe that it will be possible for men to give birth to babies in the "foreseeable future", according to an article in *New Society*, published today.

The article quotes a leading expert in human embryo research as saying that in spite of "enormous technical and ethical difficulties", a male pregnancy could be achieved.

The procedure would involve fertilizing the egg outside the body and placing the resultant embryo in the area of

the bowel wall, where it might receive sufficient nourishment to grow.

The man would have to be treated with hormones and the birth would have to be by caesarean section.

Cases where such a pregnancy would be desirable might include men married to incurably infertile women, or women whose lives would be endangered through pregnancy, or homosexuals, the article says.

Professor Alan Trounson, director of the Institute of Early Human Development, Monash University, Melbourne, is reported as having refused hundreds of requests from men wishing to have a baby. "I think the risks to the child and the male 'mother' are too big at present, but with careful evaluation these risks could be reduced."

Mr John Parsons, senior registrar and lecturer at King's College Hospital, London, says: "It can be done, and undoubtedly someone will do

Guideline 'threat' to mental study

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Research into mental disorders, including schizophrenia, would be seriously hampered if new guidelines proposed by the Mental Health Act Commission were implemented, a leading professor of psychiatry said yesterday.

Developments in brain sciences meant that some real understanding of the causes of disorders such as schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease "may at last be within our grasp". Professor Robert Kendell, Professor of Psychiatry at Edinburgh University, said.

But the guidelines posed "a most serious threat" to psychiatric research.

Under the commission's guidelines published last year all patients involved in research, whether in hospital or in the community and whether informal or detained patients, would have to give consent at three levels to

"oo-therapeutic" research from which the patient would not directly benefit. Professor Kendell said in the *British Medical Journal*.

The patients themselves would have to give "real consent", a second opinion would be needed from another consultant agreeing that the patient had capacity to consent and the patient's relatives would have to be fully informed.

If the guidelines were accepted, Professor Kendell said, "they would have a profoundly damaging effect on most forms of psychiatric research in this country. Clinical research into dementia would virtually cease."

Simply to take a "blood sample" from 50 patients, a second consultant would have to interview every patient. The guidelines would make "simple and uncontentious proposals impracticable".

Shopping advice on computer

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

British Telecom's Yellow Pages service is about to go electronic, allowing armchair shoppers to call up information on microcomputers connected to a telephone system.

Companies which advertise in Yellow Pages will have their services detailed on the system free of charge.

Users of the electronic service will pay only telephone charges to have the pages displayed on their home computers. The computers, equipped with the appropriate electronic black boxes and programmes, will be connected to BT computers at Reading, which hold the information.

A test run for the service, which will allow advertisers to update information in seconds, will begin in January next year in Reading, Guildford and London. If successful, it will be extended at the end of the year.

The ease of updating information such as prices, special offers and new products, is seen as one of the main advantages of the new service.

Pregnant addict test case

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A test case on whether behaviour by a pregnant mother which puts her foetus at risk, can be taken into account when her fitness as a parent is at issue, is to come before the House of Lords.

A committee of law lords yesterday granted leave to appeal in a case in which magistrates made a care order for a baby girl whose mother, a drug addict, had continued to take drugs throughout pregnancy.

The girl, aged one, was born suffering from severe drug withdrawal symptoms and after six weeks in a special baby unit, was placed with foster parents by Berkshire County Council.

Lord Bridge of Harwich, sitting with Lord Brightman and Lord Goff of Chieveley, said that the case raised issues they ought to consider on appeal.

The appeal, against a decision last March by the Court of Appeal, which upheld the magistrates' care order, will be heard later in the year.

Retired judge banned

John Pickering, a retired judge, was fined £200 and banned from driving for two years by magistrates at Marlborough, Wiltshire, yesterday after he admitted a drink-driving charge.

Pickering, aged 61, a former circuit judge, of Eaton Terrace, Belgrave, south-west London, was said to be in "considerable straitened financial circumstances" as a result of his marriage difficulties.

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Fair deal promised for tunnel Bill

CHANNEL TUNNEL

The Channel Tunnel Bill would be dealt with fairly and without any attempt to see that there was a denial of legitimate debate...

Early debate on 'Times' reporter

PRIVILEGE

A debate would be held before the House of Commons on the recommendation of the Commons Select Committee of Privileges that Mr Richard Evans, Lobby Correspondent of The Times...

Violent scenes no credit to printers

WAPPING

The recent violence outside the News International printing plant at Wapping was quite deplorable, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions in the House of Commons...

Many views on ritual slaughter

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Government is giving careful consideration to the Animal Welfare Council report on ritual slaughter and the many comments received on it from interested parties...

A marvellous and safe country

TOURISM

American tourists should continue to come to Britain, a marvellous and very safe country, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions...

Press Council rulings

Daily Telegraph guilty of race bias

The Daily Telegraph was criticised by the Press Council today for introducing descriptions of race into a number of court reports...

Colour had no place in rape report

The newspaper reported that a white girl aged 16 told the Central Criminal Court that she was raped "about 30 times" by a gang of black youths in Brixton...

Tributes to Lord Shinwell

Lord Shinwell

In a tribute in the House of Lords to the Labour peer, Lord Shinwell, who died earlier today, Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said he was a man of all feelings...

Rolls sales start the year well

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Rolls-Royce cars are enjoying a mini-boom so far this year in both home and overseas markets...

Hand coloured books sold for top prices

Sale room

Illustrated books which graced the library at Berkeley Castle before it was sold to Madame Tussaud's were enthusiastically competed for at Sotheby's yesterday...

Chess lead held by Bellin

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At the end of round seven, with two more rounds to go, the lead in the Lloyds Bank Jersey International tournament in Jersey was held by the Norwich international master, Robert Bellin...

Relatives' consent for organs may be sought while patient is alive

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Proposals to make it a requirement for doctors to ask relatives for donor organs before life support machines are switched off are being canvassed by health ministers in an attempt to increase the number of kidney, heart and liver transplants.

The move comes after new legislation in the United States making it a legal requirement for hospitals to ask for donor organs, or to ensure there are good reasons for not making such a request, before ventilators are switched off.

Mr Ray Whitney, a junior minister at the Department of Health and Social Security, is to study the system on a visit to New York State later this month which, together with Florida and California, is one of three states so far to introduce the "required request" legislation, as it is known. Other states are planning to follow suit.

Dr Donald Acheson, the chief medical officer, has written to the British Medical Association, the royal colleges of medicine and surgery and the Joint Consultants Committee, asking for their views on a similar but voluntary system here.

The approach comes after a drop last year of 112 to 1,334 in the number of kidney transplants and a rise in the waiting list to a record level of more than 3,300.

Ministers are hoping that doctors will agree to a voluntary code of practice introducing the "required request". Mr Whitney believes that legislation "would not be appropriate. It is a very sensitive area, but I think there is a way forward without legislation if the medical profession was prepared to take it up through a code of practice".

It was not, he said, something ministers "would want to rush into. We would want to see how it was working in the United States and the reaction of the doctors".

After publicity about last year's fall in the number of kidney transplants, the rate this year is higher, with an excess of 90 performed in the months. The waiting list has fallen and UK Transplant, the NHS organ-matching service, says record numbers will be transplanted if the trend continues.

But transplant surgeons and others believe the key difficulty in getting donor organs is the reluctance of doctors and nurses to ask relatives. Opinion polls consistently show that 70 per cent of the population are willing to have their organs used.

Mrs Celia Wight, transplant co-ordinator at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, said that the American legislation had been operating for only a few months, but there was "cautious optimism" that it would increase the number of donor organs.

"The vast majority of doctors realize that transplantation is necessary but it is difficult for them to set the ball rolling and approach grieving relatives. In the United States they can now say 'the law requires that I ask you' making it easier for them to break the ice".

Ministers are also asking authorities to run a pilot scheme where every patient on admission to hospital would be asked if he or she is willing to have organs used for transplantation. The information would go on the hospital admission form. The idea is seen as possibly controversial, at least initially.

Many of those who become potential donors, car crash victims for example, enter hospital unconscious so that it would still be relatives who would have to be approached.



Lord Murray, former TUC general secretary, with Tania Diwell at the launch of the Key Supporter scheme for heart research in London yesterday (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Heart research cash drive

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The progress in heart research and surgery which saves the lives of young and old alike was celebrated yesterday by Lord Murray, former general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and Tania Diwell, aged two.

They were among patients successfully treated for heart conditions who helped launch a Key Supporter fund-raising campaign by the British Heart Foundation, in which donors will be asked to sign a four-year covenant instead of making an annual donation. In this way, the foundation hopes to secure long-term finance with which to set up more research projects.

Tania, of Folkestone, Kent, was born with a rare and serious heart defect, but is now fit and active after reconstructive surgery in June 1984.

Lord Murray, who is aged 63, underwent a quadruple bypass operation about the same time as the girl, and joined in the celebration launch with other former patients, including a boy aged nine, who recovered from a hole-in-the-heart operation, and a father and two of his children who all had successful operations to treat an inherited heart condition.

Lord Tonyandy, the former Speaker of the House of Commons who is the foundation's president, said: "These men, women and children are some of the wonderful examples of what can be done now as a result of heart research."

National policy is demanded for boarding schools

The Government should introduce a national boarding schools policy, according to Mr Eddy Double, chairman of the Boarding Schools Association.

He told its annual conference in Ambleside, Cumbria: "A national policy for boarding education is not just highly desirable and vitally important."

"Boarding education is at risk in the independent sector from the threat of direct, conscious political action and in maintained schools from the haphazard effects of budgetary pressures."

He said boarding education was "a national resource" which should not be subject to financial constraints. The Government and local authorities should work together to ensure it was maintained and improved.

Mr Double, Principal Education Officer (Schools) for Lincolnshire, proposed a national pooling arrangement with all local education authorities sharing the cost of providing boarding education and making a nationally agreed formula.

He also urged the Department of Education and authorities to form a consortium which could provide an effective forum for the planning of boarding education.

Mr Double said that all children would benefit from a period of residential education.

The theme of the three-day conference is "Boarding Education and the Real World".

Mr Richard Barker, headmaster of Sevenoaks School, emphasized the importance of boarding schools encouraging children to have those "durable qualities and attitudes" such as love of hard work, that would continue to have value "in the real world". "We should enhance personal attitudes and understanding for the future," he said.

"Through giving them more first hand experience, for instance of the business world, we will encourage in them a shift from passive to active which will help them in the future."

Mr James Graham, headmaster of Sibthorp School, said boarding schools were valuable for students with special learning difficulties, particularly dyslexia.

He said that they needed a supportive and sympathetic school environment and an appropriate curriculum to enable them to develop confidence and competence. They needed a school atmosphere that was not competitive but where each individual was valued for himself.

Journalist wins libel damages

Mr John McCrick, a racing journalist, won substantial libel damages in the High Court in London yesterday over allegations in *The Star* that he was in debt to his bookmakers and that he had given television publicity to one bookmaker for payment.

His counsel, Mr Richard Walker, told the court that the allegations appeared in a "highly sensational" article in March 1984. "There was and is no truth whatsoever in these very serious allegations," Mr Walker said.

Frank Curran and Peter Hooley, *Star* journalists, and Express Newspapers, the paper's publishers, acknowledged the allegations were untrue and offered unqualified apologies.

Railmen lose claim on deaths

Train drivers who suffer mental anguish after suicide victims throw themselves in front of speeding trains are not entitled to damages from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, the Court of Appeal decided yesterday.

In a test case ruling the judges upheld the decision of the board, and the divisional court who refused in March last year to grant judicial review of the board's decision, that any psychiatric injury suffered by the drivers was not attributable to a crime of violence and could not be compensated.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Sir John Megaw, said that their decision was of importance to about 250 engine drivers who had suffered psychiatric injuries in similar circumstances. Figures in 1981 showed that 219 people committed suicide by throwing themselves in front of trains and another 36 were seriously injured.

In the four cases before the court the drivers, Albert Wilks, of Briton Ferry, Neath, West Glamorgan; Cyril Webb, of Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire; Sidney Warner, of Worcester Park; and Harry Clack, of Horsham, both Surrey, all had the misfortune of running over and killing someone.

In three cases a verdict of suicide was recorded but in Mr Clack's case the deceased was a senile man, aged 84, who may not have known what he was doing. But all four drivers suffered psychiatric injury as a result of the deaths.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

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Doctor wins court review

Dr Royce Darnell, a consultant microbiologist, was yesterday granted a judicial review of the decision by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that he should be dismissed.

Dr Darnell, dismissed after a clash with colleagues over the management of the microbiology laboratory in Derby, was granted an expedited hearing of his case against Mr Fowler by Mr Justice Hodgson in the High Court.

Fire in hotel

More than 2,000 guests and 450 staff were moved out of the Grosvenor House hotel in London for a short time yesterday after fire broke out in a ventilation shaft. Nobody was injured.

Science report

Instrument helps to measure wind shear

Aviation experts and meteorologists know that wind shear, varying wind speeds and directions at differing heights, have been responsible for several aircraft accidents during take-off or landing.

They happen when aircraft flying at relatively slow speeds, encounter sudden wind changes or down draught, lose height and crash.

A great deal has been discovered about the connection between thunderstorms and wind shear. But scientists are also aware that the meteorological phenomenon can occur in comparatively good weather. In fact, the Heathrow Meteorological Office regularly issues wind shear alerts, unconnected with thunderstorms.

Now, a West German research group from the Aachen Institute of Air and Space Travel has completed the first stage of a project concerned with the precise in-flight measurement of wind shear, which should ultimately provide pilots with useful information about this potentially dangerous occurrence.

In the past it had proved difficult to calibrate wind speeds accurately on board an aircraft even with the advent of modern INS (inertial navigation systems) equipment. It could be done only by first establishing the air and ground speed of an aircraft and subtracting one from the other.

Even a small error in one of these large values inevitably led to an incorrect answer, which would either underesti-

mate or overestimate wind strength and direction. Yet, without that information wind shear could not be calculated. Clearly a more efficient method was needed.

What the Germans did was to equip a single-engine sports plane, a Socata Morane, with a 4 m long vertical device attached to its rear wing, so that 2 m protruded above and 2 m below its surface. That instrument, basically a hollow pipe, could identify up to 100 wind values per second from 16 pressure gauges distributed along its leading edge. That information was fed into an on-board computer and data processor, which worked out a wind shear profile.

To check the accuracy of their findings, the Germans carried out simultaneous experiments, using the Morane, a Dornier 28 research aircraft and a meteorological ground station. The results of all three separate tests coincided to a large extent.

With more sophisticated equipment on board the Morane it is hoped to study the effect of wind shear by establishing precisely what happens at each stage in the chain: weather conditions causing wind shear; aircraft reaction to wind shear; pilot's reaction to the plane's altered flying altitude and, finally, changes in that altitude after pilot reaction.

Only when all these factors had been scientifically established and analysed would it be possible to suggest counter measures which could prevent further accidents.

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As Kiev exodus mounts, Soviet authorities issue pictures in effort to allay fears Trains packed with fleeing families

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As the overnight express from Kiev pulled in at 9.45 am yesterday the Soviet exodus from the area of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster was unmistakable, with hundreds of women and children spilling on to the platform, some expressing relief finally to have escaped the fear of radiation in the Ukrainian capital.

Although the authorities insist that extra planes and trains provided to transport Kiev residents were related to the summer holiday rush, those arriving in Moscow had other explanations.

The hastily-packed overnight bags and worried faces were evidence of the level of concern.

"There is no question of keeping children in Kiev a moment longer, the risk is too great. Every mother that I know there wants to get her children away," explained an elderly grandmother who arrived with her daughter and two grandchildren.

"When the television started warning us about health, we decided to get away and I have no idea yet when we will be going back."

A number of the passengers spoke of the difficulties in buying tickets and confirmed reports that long queues had been building up at ticket offices in the city, which has a

population of over two million. Others being greeted by relieved relatives could be overheard arguing heatedly about levels of radioactivity.

"The worst thing about it is that no one really knows what is going on," another woman holding a baby said. "What is the point of sacrificing the health of your children and living all day worrying about what is happening in the air?"

Uniformed Soviet militia and tough-looking plainclothes security police were mingling with the large crowds at the station attempting to prevent Western correspondents from obtaining first-hand information about the growing mood of panic in the Ukrainian capital, more than 60 miles south of the stricken plant.

Apparently under orders to prevent the exodus being filmed, the security authorities arrested a crew from the American NBC television network and then ordered Felicity Barringer, a reporter for *The New York Times*, to leave the station as she was conducting "vox pop" interviews.

More than 70 per cent of the seats on the overcrowded train which I met were taken up by women and children, and a similar proportion was reported by Westerners who watched the arrival of other Kiev trains.

Kiev residents say that the exodus began to gather momentum at the beginning of the week when the local health authorities broke an earlier silence and issued televised warnings against letting children outside for more than short periods and against eating leafy vegetables.

The mood grew more anxious after a change in the direction of the wind resulted in new orders to wash down all interiors of flats with cold water and to avoid swimming in outdoor reservoirs.

Another woman arriving yesterday said there were casual rumours about the safety of the Kiev water supply and of the milk.

"The best thing seemed to be to take the simple precaution of getting the children out until the situation becomes clearer. Some people say that could take months," she explained.

In rural communities scattered in the rich agricultural hinterland around Kiev, the growing sense of panic has encouraged residents to indulge in a bizarre variety of folk remedies in an effort to counter the radiation.

One Soviet source told me that the most widely believed-in cure was the drinking of strong spirits over 40 per cent proof.



Mr V. Taranov, engineer of the wrecked nuclear plant at Chernobyl, in the care of two doctors at the Forest Meadow sanatorium 50 miles north-west of Kiev.



A photograph released by Tass of two children from Kiev, Natasha and Nadya, playing in a pioneer camp after being evacuated from their homes.

Baths full to brim in worried Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Warsaw householders have been filling their baths to the brim and pouring water into old bottles and buckets that slip on to the carpet in the corridor in the latest symptom of nuclear panic after the Chernobyl accident.

On Tuesday night and Wednesday two rumours swept the Polish capital and industrial heartland around Katowice: the first message on the telephone grapevine was that poisonous chemicals had escaped into the Vistula River, and the second rumour quickly determined that the chemicals were radioactive.

The fallout, it was said, had reached the tap water. Yesterday the authorities took the unusual step of denying gossip. "It is true," a spokesman for the Warsaw city council said, "that the water in the Vistula hasn't been crystal-clear for some years now, but the current level of pollution is the same as for years... the water is fit for drinking. It can also be used for washing. Therefore storing water in baths, pots or buckets is pointless."

According to Polish measurements handed to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, radioactive contamination of water from the mains ranged from 1.5 to 14.9 becquerels per litre and between 1.7 and 19.7 becquerels per litre in surface waters.

This compares with the 10,000 becquerels per litre concentration deemed as potentially dangerous by the agency. Milk still has a relatively high contamination rate - up to 700 becquerels per litre - but is still within the safety limit of 1,000 becquerels per litre as recommended for children by the agency.

However, water and ground contamination is likely to remain for some time.

Sweeping changes at top in Pentagon

Washington - In the hope of reducing disastrous clashes between US armed services in times of combat, the Senate has unanimously approved the most sweeping reorganization of the military hierarchy in almost 30 years (Christopher Thomas writes).

A series of blunders led up to the planned changes, including the failed hostage rescue mission in Iran in 1980, the terrorist bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983, and the inter-service rivalry that hampered the 1983 invasion of Grenada.

By 95 votes to nil, the Senate approved a Bill that would broaden the advisory role of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - the highest ranking military officer - while giving field commanders more control over fighting forces in combat.

Bekaa killings

Beirut (Reuters) - The corpses of Nassib al-Khatib, a Lebanese politician, and his three bodyguards were found riddled with bullets in a car in the eastern Bekaa valley.

Toyota recall

Tokyo (Reuters) - Toyota Motors is recalling 218,000 Town Ace and Master Ace light commercial vehicles produced between October 1982 and July 1985 because of problems with the power steering.

Four-day fire

Peking (Reuters) - Fifty-six people died fighting a four-day forest fire which threatened farms and villages in Yunnan, southwest China.

New York job

Mr James Mellon, former British Ambassador in Copenhagen, leaves London today to become the new British Trade Commissioner in New York, a post that carries ambassadorial rank.

Fraud charge

Hong Kong (Reuters) - Simon Yip, a Hong Kong financier extradited from San Francisco, was remanded to custody on charges of conspiring to defraud the Overseas Trust Bank of \$66 million (about \$45 million).

Airbus back

Kuwait (Reuters) - A Kuwait Airways Airbus, stranded in Iran since four Arabs hijacked it there 17 months ago, has at last been flown back to Kuwait. The hijackers murdered two Americans before surrendering.

EEC imposes ban as members argue

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As EEC governments continued to disagree on the implementation of a ban on Soviet bloc food exports first proposed four days ago, the EEC Commission yesterday took action to ban fresh meat from Eastern Europe with immediate effect.

Commission officials said any further delay would be "most unfortunate" and would render EEC emergency plans to counteract Chernobyl radiation ineffective.

The Commission said it was extending until luncheon today the deadline for member states to agree on the range of products to be banned from Soviet bloc nations affected by Chernobyl fallout.

The original deadline was yesterday evening, but significant differences remain not only over the food products to be prohibited but also over the East European countries to be

Student in the clear after tests

After tests at St George's Hospital, Lincoln, Miss Gwyneth Walker, a Russian language student from Lincoln who was studying in Minsk at the time of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl, has been told that she received only very slight doses of radiation.

Miss Walker, of Greetwell Road, Lincoln, who is a student at Liverpool Polytechnic, has been told by doctors that she will suffer no long-term effects.

She is hoping to go back to Russia for her studies and said her main concern now was for the Soviet people who did not have the benefit of tests or treatment for radiation.

The daughter of a Lincoln solicitor, she was sent to Moscow from Minsk with other students from Britain and was immediately flown home.

Fist fights as fallout panic hits Greek shops

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece has been gripped by a panic-buying spree for the last two days, with housewives battling in supermarkets for the last can of evaporated milk, bottle of mineral water, or bag of frozen vegetables, because of radiation fears after the Soviet nuclear disaster.

Fist fights broke out and police were called to food stores to control hysterical crowds as they raided delivery trucks to secure stocks of unaccontaminated food. A run on iodine forced the Health Ministry to issue a public warning that the product was as unnecessary as it was toxic.

The authorities said pasteurized cow's milk would go on sale again today under strict supervision.

The Government said it was consulting with other EEC

Top judge escapes car blast

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The President of Spain's Supreme Court and chief judicial officer, Professor Antonio Hernandez Gil, escaped unhurt yesterday when an explosion hit his official car in central Madrid.

It damaged only the boot and police said the attack's lack of precision made it unlikely to be the work of ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

Only 13 days ago, five civil guardsmen were killed in central Madrid by a car bomb attack claimed by ETA.

Professor Hernandez Gil, aged 71, is a prominent figure apart from his present legal stature. He presided over Parliament while the democratic constitution of 1978 was being drawn up.

He was chosen by the Government to lead Spain's Judicial Council, the self-governing body of judges and magistrates which performs similar functions to those of the British Lord Chancellor.

The Supreme Court is involved in a controversy affecting one of its members accused of misconduct, and Professor Hernandez Gil will have to deal with it.

The Supreme Court judge's driver, who was also unhurt, told reporters he had stopped for traffic lights, but the car had been moving again when the blast occurred. Had it still been standing still the damage would have been much worse, he said.

Police were investigating whether the explosive had been placed in a small Renault parked near by, or if it was fired from a grenade launcher.

Later, Professor Hernandez Gil coolly told a Madrid radio station: "I am satisfied I have not created a grave public problem. Besides that, the worst has not happened to me."

Thousands flee homes for fear of tidal wave

San Francisco (Reuters) - Thousands of people fled their homes yesterday on America's West Coast, fearing tidal waves, and Japan and Hawaii also issued warnings after an earthquake in the remote Aleutian Islands off Alaska.

The United States Earthquake Information Centre in Golden, Colorado, said the earthquake, measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale, was one of the worst in almost 30 years. It had caused damage on Adak Island, about 80 miles west of the epicentre.

The US Navy moved 2,500 of the 5,000 personnel at its air station on Adak to higher ground. It said the tide had risen five feet above normal.

In San Francisco, thousands of people jammed roads overlooking beaches to watch for unusually high waves but went home disappointed.

Poles need vetting for foreign TV

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poles who want to watch Western satellite television will have to be vetted by the police to decide whether they are a suitable audience for *Dallas* and *Dynasty*, according to new regulations coming into force this month.

Polish viewers are to be linked into a Soviet satellite television network that will also cover East Germany and Czechoslovakia, but this will be operational only in four years.

Meanwhile Poland is in reach of several Western satellite channels, including the British Sky Channel, the Swiss Teleclub and the Dutch Zeeho TV, which are carried on the West European ECS satellite.

Many Poles would like to tune into these channels, but are forbidden under Polish law from owning anything but standard receivers.

But from this month the state radio inspectorate will issue special permits to a few people - Poles deemed to be appropriate viewers of the satellite fare of soap operas, vintage films, jaunty pop programmes, sports and internationally-orientated news.

However, the spitting viewer will have to explain why he needs a receiver and will have to obtain a reference from the police.

The viewer can have his permit withdrawn if he tries to watch satellite television in a place other than his officially registered home. Officials from the Communications Ministry say, rather disingenuously, that the point is simply to maintain aesthetic standards.

"Just think what it would do to our skyline if everyone wanted to install his own antenna," said the director, Mr Janusz Fajkowski. "You must keep some spatial order in the landscape."

The main reason, however, seems to be that the authorities are nervous about losing the monopoly of the airwaves and are worried that satellites will start to beam specifically anti-communist material into Polish households. Hence the need for a police reference.

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The oldest alliance, 600 years on

Britain and Portugal today mark the 600th anniversary of the Treaty of Windsor, which was signed by King Richard II and King Joao I in the chapter house of the Royal Chapel at Windsor Castle, and which has bound the two countries in "perpetual and real league" (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The two countries plan to celebrate the anniversary in a manner befitting the world's oldest surviving alliance.

A memorial service will be held at St George's chapel on Monday which will be attended by the Queen, President Soares, Dr Cavaco Silva, the Prime Minister and Senor Pires de Miranda, the Foreign Minister.

Throughout the year a series of cultural, educational, social, business and diplomatic events are taking place to celebrate "the oldest alliance".

The postponement leaves the US without any means of putting payloads into space for the next six weeks.

Nasa puts off launch of Atlas rocket

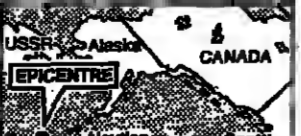
From Michael Binyon, Washington

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) has postponed for four weeks the launch of the Atlas Centaur rocket, which was due to put into orbit a military communications satellite on May 22.

The postponement follows three consecutive launch failures and has grounded the main space vehicle capable of carrying large satellites.

The Atlas Centaur, an obsolescent non-reusable rocket, has a first-stage engine similar to that of the Delta rocket which inexplicably failed 71 seconds after blast-off last week.

A terse Nasa statement said the delay was necessary "to ensure that all items critical to a successful launch have been thoroughly analysed".

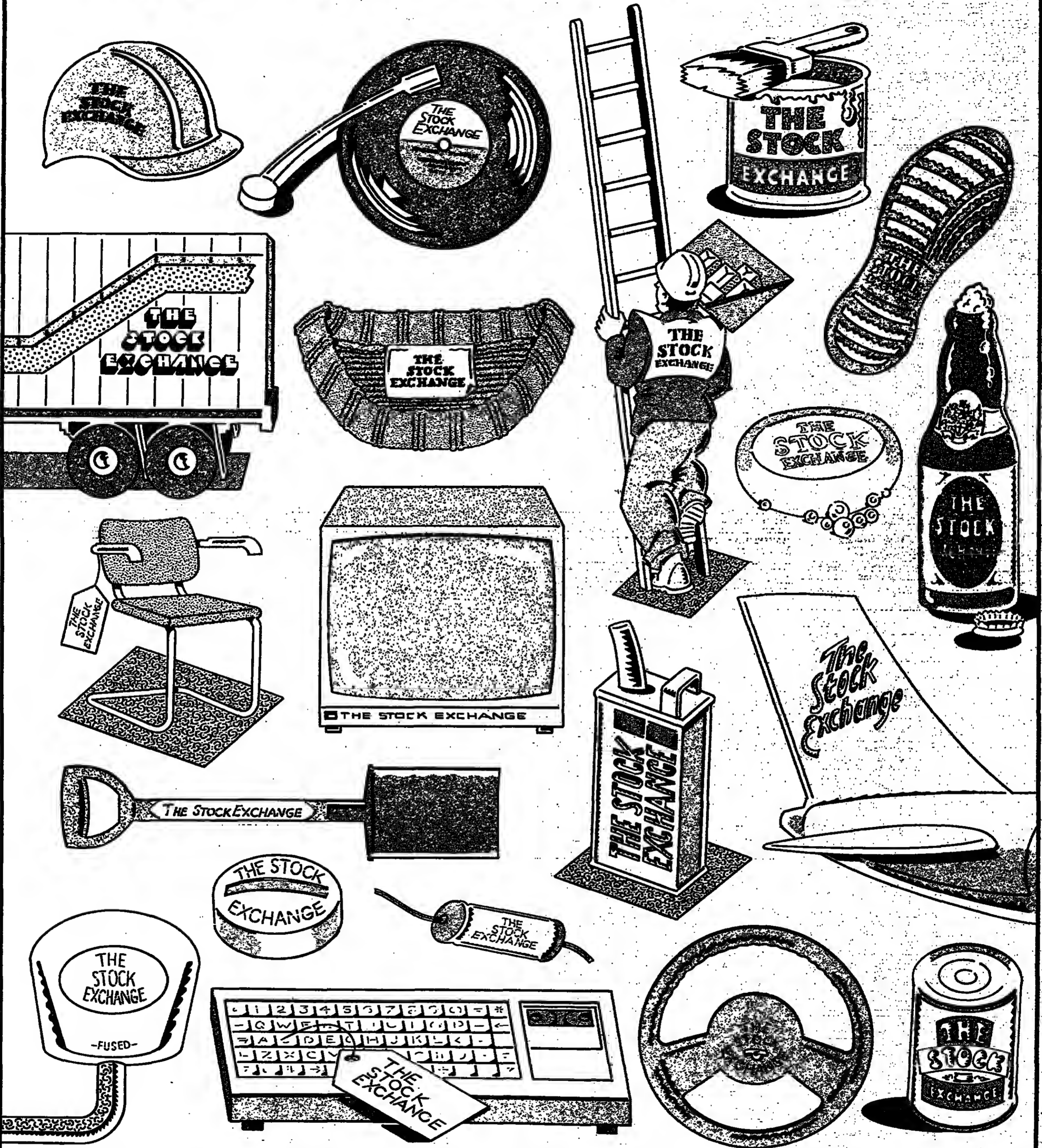


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CIA chief enrages editors for threat on secrets reports

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Newspaper editors and constitutional rights groups were bluntly warned yesterday about a threat to news organizations by the Central Intelligence Agency against reporting details of intelligence gathering operations.

Mr William Casey, director of the CIA, told two editors of *The Washington Post* that he was discussing the possibility of prosecutions against *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Time* magazine and *The Washington Post*. No American news organization has previously been sued by the Government for publishing inside stories about security matters.

Yesterday Justice Department officials said privately they were not keen to mount prosecutions. They are equally not keen to pursue Mr Casey's idea of mounting a civil suit to prevent *The Washington Post* from publishing a new story it has prepared based on leaked classified documents.

The *Post* said it had still not decided whether to run the story. It is understood the article relates to Mr Ronald Velton, a former communications specialist at the National Security Agency, who faces trial on charges of selling secrets to the Soviet Union.

The *Post* quoted Mr Casey as telling its editors that "we've already got five absolutely cold violations", an apparent reference to a law banning disclosure of information about codes, ciphers or communications intelligence activities of the US or any foreign government.

Referring to the latest story prepared by the *Post*, Mr Casey is said to have told the editors: "I'm not threatening you, but you've got to know that if you publish this I would recommend that you be prosecuted under the intelligence statute."

Mr Casey's threat of action against *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* apparently related to stories about the interception of messages by US intelligence between Colonel Gaddafi and the Libyan People's Bureau in East Germany.

Newsweek reported that Colonel Gaddafi had made threatening statements towards President Reagan in an "intercepted telephone conversation".

Mr Morton Halpern, the senior official of the Civil Liberties Union said yesterday that the Reagan Administration was "clearly trying to establish the notion that we have an official secrets act and that they can threaten the press to keep them from publishing."

US congressional nominations

Setback for extreme right

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Experienced traditional politicians triumphed over newcomers and extreme right-wingers in a series of nominations this week for congressional seats and governorships.

Democrats breathed a loud sigh of relief when followers of the political maverick, Mr Lyndon LaRouche, failed to follow up their startling victories in Illinois in March, where they have effectively forced Mr Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for governor, to withdraw.

The only nominations won by LaRouche candidates were by default in congressional districts in Ohio and Texas, where no Democrats filed.

At the same time moderate Republicans were jubilant at the victory of Representative James Broyhill in North Carolina, who fought a bitter and costly battle to ward off a challenge for the Republican nomination to the Senate from Mr David Funderburk, a protégé of the militant New Right.

Mr Funderburk resigned last year as ambassador to Romania, and bitterly criticized the State Department for its soft line towards the communist regime.

He has been associated with the New Right's attempt to force the resignation of Mr



Mr Lyndon LaRouche winning by default

George Stultz, the Secretary of State, whom it considers a compromising pragmatist. He had the active support of Senator Jesse Helms, the other right-wing Senator from North Carolina.

Mr Terry Sanford, a former liberal Democratic governor of that state who left office 21 years ago, took an early lead in the race for the Democratic nomination for the seat.

In Ohio, another former governor, Mr James Rhodes, made an extraordinary political comeback at the age of 76, defeating two rival Republicans who said he was too old for the job of governor. He lost to a Democrat in 1978, but if elected in November, he will serve an unprecedented fifth term.

In Ohio's Senate primaries, Senator John Glenn for the Democrats comfortably beat a candidate put up by Mr LaRouche.

In a third set of elections on Tuesday in Indiana, voters set the stage for a replay of the closest congressional race of 1984, giving the Democratic representative for the eighth district, Mr Frank McCloskey, the nomination over another LaRouche candidate, Mr McClinton. In 1984 he defeated Mr McIntyre by just four votes.

The voter turnout in all the primaries was extremely low. But party activists were pleased that in the circumstances, which usually favour extremists and outsiders, traditional politicians were able to hold their own.

The New Right is trying hard to consolidate its hold over the Republican Party, and has set its sights on the first big test of the presidential candidates in Michigan in September. Vice-President George Bush will be pitted against Mr Jack Kemp, a representative from New York, and badly needs to win if he is to maintain his momentum as the Republican front-runner. He has already visited the state nine times to drum up support.

Outrage at homeland decision

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A decision by the South African Government to proceed with the granting of "independent" status to the KwaNdebele tribal homeland, some 60 miles north of Pretoria, has been greeted with outrage by members of the official white Opposition in Parliament.

It was "incredible" that the Government was pressing ahead in the teeth of intense domestic and international opposition to the creation of such tribal enclaves within South Africa, Mr Peter Soal, the spokesman on homeland affairs of the Progressive Federal Party, said.

The decision to make KwaNdebele South Africa's fifth "independent" tribal homeland on December 11 this year was announced in a joint statement on Wednesday by President Botha and Mr Simon Skosana, the Chief Minister of KwaNdebele.

Mr Soal pointed out that, apart from the blatant contradiction it presented with the Government's claim to be moving away from apartheid, a court verdict was still pending on the legality of the transfer last January of part of the territory of another homeland to KwaNdebele.

The 10 ethnically-defined tribal homelands are seen by most blacks, and by opinion abroad, as an integral part of the divide-and-rule apartheid system. The outside world recognizes none of the "independent" homelands.

KwaNdebele is a generally impoverished tract of land which at the end of 1984 had an estimated population of 176,700, most of them related ethnically to the Ndebele of south-western Zimbabwe.

Last January, however, the Government almost doubled KwaNdebele's population by the forcible transfer of the Moutse district from the neighbouring homeland of Lebowa, which has refused "independence", to Mr Skosana's semi-feudal fiefdom. Relatively well-developed Moutse has a population of about 120,000, predominantly of North Sotho stock, the great majority of them bitterly opposed to the transfer.

Japanese hooked on 'Diana boom'

From David Watts, Kyoto

No one catches on to a craze quite like the Japanese, but the current "Diana boom" is breaking all records.

For Japanese girls Diana is the princess of their dreams. She is a commercial dream come true for every business man from the TV networks to the corner noodle shop and the big publishing empires.

One enterprising small Tokyo family restaurant owner is offering "Diana domburi" - a tasty rice-based dish topped with fried chicken.

A hairdresser offered her first 50 customers a "Diana cut" for the equivalent of £1 - a tempting bargain in Japan where a lady's hair-do normally costs £35 or £40.

In the last few weeks there have been several hour-long television programmes running exhaustive coverage of the Princess's life.

One station is running the *Diana Monogatari* - a cleverly-produced cartoon animation film telling the story of the royal couple's romance.

For their arrival two stations were running documentary specials about her life and a third was planning to run an interview.

But any Japanese could be forgiven for not realizing that the Prince of Wales was coming at all, such has been the concentration on the Princess.

When a Tokyo television reporter interviewed a string of young people about the recent Tokyo summit of the seven industrialized countries, many young girls thought the British delegation was being led by the Princess of Wales.

Mrs Thatcher's well-nigh regal performance at the summit contributed a stirring opening to what will be a formidable few weeks for British womanhood in Japan.

In the publishing field, there is *The Princess Diana Fashion Book*, *Princess Diana, Magnificent Fashion and Portrait of Love*, and the more mundane *Story of Princess Diana*. Magazine prices run up to £4 but there are special pendants, brooches and pottery costing anything up to a hundred times that.

Few Japanese can claim the Princess's statuesque build, but that has not prevented the fashion industry from offering all sorts of variations on the Diana theme at truly regal prices.

Department stores are running displays of British goods highlighted by yet more photographs of the royal couple.

Key rebel base falls to Burma

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

The capture by Burmese troops of Palu, an important stronghold of Karen rebels on the Thai border, is probably the beginning of the end for the 37-year-old Karen rebellion, according to Christian missionaries who provide aid to Karen refugees inside Thailand.

Karen guerrillas last week abandoned Palu, which they have never lost before, after infantry, supported by artillery, captured a hill overlooking it.

Palu is a large Karen settlement going back to the early years of the century, a military base and one of the biggest trading links between the area and the outside world. The Karens impose a 5 per cent levy on the trade, their main source of revenue, which has been drying up as they have steadily lost territory during the past two-and-a-half years.

Thai military officers and Western relief workers say Burmese soldiers now occupy the civilian section of Palu village, where they burned 20 houses, while some rebels are still holding out in military fortifications to the east.

Russians say ball now in US court

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

"We have done our part - it is for the other side to take the next step," Mr Viktor Karpov, chief Soviet delegate, said yesterday as negotiations resumed with the Americans on controlling nuclear and space weapons.

He was speaking while waiting to receive the US delegation, headed by Mr Max Kampelman, at the Soviet diplomatic mission.

Pointing out that the Russians had put forward proposals in all three areas of the talks - strategic and medium-range missiles and weapons in space - Mr Karpov added: "We do not feel new proposals are needed from us because those already made open the way to agreement."

In reply to the US contention that no response had been forthcoming to its strategic arms reduction proposal of November 1 - incorporating ideas presented earlier by the Russians - he said his delegation's reaction had "been sufficiently critical for the US to understand that this proposal would not serve as a basis for agreement. They know that. We suggested a solution opening the way to agreement. The other side should say yes or suggest something else."

He said the American Strategic Defence Initiative remained a stumbling block.

Did he expect this fifth round to pave the way for a summit later in the year? "Let's wait and see," he said.

After the appointment of Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky, who headed the Soviet space and defence weapons group, as ambassador to Bonn, Mr Karpov has taken over that role, opposite Mr Kampelman.

Replacing him as head of the strategic weapons group is Mr Alexei Obukhov, formerly directing the medium-range missiles group. His US counterpart is Mr Ronald Lehman, replacing Mr John Tower, who resigned.

Mr Obukhov has been replaced by his former deputy, Mr Lem Masterkov. His US opposite number is Mr Maynard Ghitman.

Mr Kampelman said he hoped the Soviet side's reorganization "will produce a reinvigoration towards agreement".

Manila will not budge on Marcos passport

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The Philippines Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, said yesterday he would oppose, for reasons of national security, the issue of a new passport to deposed President Marcos to allow him to return from exile in Hawaii.

Mr Enrile had said earlier that Mr Marcos - whom he served as Defence Minister for 16 years - would immediately be arrested if he returned from Hawaii, where he fled on February 25 after the successful civilian-backed military revolt led by Mr Enrile and the chief of the armed forces, General Fidel Ramos.

On the instructions of President Aquino the Foreign Ministry also cancelled the passport of Mr Marcos's Manila lawyer, Mr Rafael Recto, who returned from Hawaii at the weekend.

Mr Recto said Mr Marcos was willing to face arrest and defend himself in court on corruption charges, if he was issued with a new passport.

Government radio quoted the Foreign Minister, Mr Salvador Laurel, as saying Mr Recto's name was among a list

Rhodesia war tax evaders told to pay up

Harare (AFP) - Small-scale black businessmen sold by guerrillas fighting the pre-independence Rhodesian regime to avoid paying taxes as part of a civil disobedience campaign, are now being forced to repay all they owe to the Zimbabwe Government.

The black business community owes millions of dollars in unpaid taxes going back to 1975, when the white minority government was in power.

"The people in power today told us not to pay taxes to Smith. Now they want the money," a businessman said.

Columns may move

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The controversial striped columns by Daniel Buren may yet be removed from the Palais Royal in Paris, where they are in the process of being erected, despite the Culture Ministry's decision earlier this week that the work should be completed.

M Denis Baudouin, spokesman for the Prime Minister's

Sabah victors must heal Muslim rift

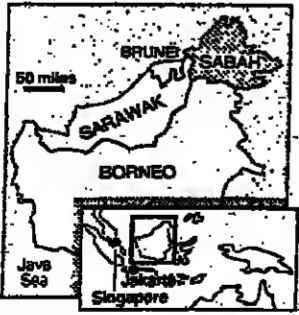
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (Reuters) - Sabah's Christian-dominated Government must heal a growing rift with Muslims to hold on to its coveted mandate and return stability to the east Malaysian state, political analysts said yesterday.

The Kadazan tribe-based Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), which won an absolute majority in this week's state elections, now needs to join the federal coalition of the Prime Minister, Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to rule effectively.

Sabah is the only one of Malaysia's 13 states not ruled by a member of the 11-party multi-racial National Front.

In the second election in just over a year, the PBS crushed its arch-rival, the Malay Muslim United Sabah National Organisation (USNO), and the federally-backed and nominally multi-racial Berjaya party, by winning 34 of the 48 elected state assembly seats. Previously, it had 25 seats.

The USNO retained 17 of its 16 seats while Berjaya kept only one of its four. The Sabah Chinese Consolidated Party took the other seat, but its holder promptly crossed over



to the PBS, which can nominate another six seats.

The Christian Chief Minister, Dato K Joseph Pairin Kitingan, called the second election - just 10 months after coming to power in April 1985 - after a spate of defections by his assemblymen to the Opposition robbed him of a majority.

Muslim unrest against his administration and court cases challenging his rule also prompted him to seek a new mandate.

Five people died and 20 were wounded in a wave of arson, bombings and rioting by Muslim activists against the PBS Government in March. They alleged it discriminated

against Muslim civil servants and was anti-Islamic.

Analysts said the PBS could heal the Muslim-Christian rift by attracting more Muslims, especially those with high religious and political standing, and giving the party a more multi-racial and economical complexion.

The PBS was founded just over a year ago on an anti-federal, Christian Kadazan-backed platform to air grievances over poor job opportunities for non-Muslims and allocation of development funds by the previous Berjaya Government.

It must now reduce emphasis on these problems to gain Muslim goodwill, the analysts said.

Dato Pairin yesterday appointed three Deputy Chief Ministers - a Kadazan, a Chinese and a Malay - in an effort to prove that the PBS was multi-racial.

Christian Kadazans form a third of Sabah's 1.2 million population, Muslim Malays and Bajans another third, ethnic Chinese some 20 per cent and small tribes form the rest.

"Muslims, who are a significant community in the state, must be appeased by the PBS to ensure they do not become restless and try to disrupt the PBS administration once more," one analyst said.

Others said the PBS should bring political stability to the state by ensuring that its government was not weakened by further defections in the State Assembly.

Previous Sabah governments have been plagued by crossovers which Dato Pairin has pledged to outlaw. Proposed legislation says an assemblyman wanting to defect must resign his seat.

The analysts said the PBS faced an uphill task in trying to revive the recession-hit oil and timber-based state economy.

Kuala Lumpur, 625 miles to the west across the South China Sea, controls security, development, oil revenue and immigration to the state, on the northern tip of Borneo.

The federal Government has congratulated Dato Pairin on his victory and analysts said PBS was now likely to be accepted into the coalition as it had shown it had multi-racial support.

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Ershad explains away poll violence as 'normal'

From Michael Hamlyn
Dhaka

The Bangladesh martial law regime, with its credibility badly battered by the blatant error tactics used at the polls by its supporters, tried yesterday to limit the damage.

President Ershad called in the foreign journalists, all of whom had seen the effects of the violence and ballot-rigging, and explained that things were not so bad as they seemed.

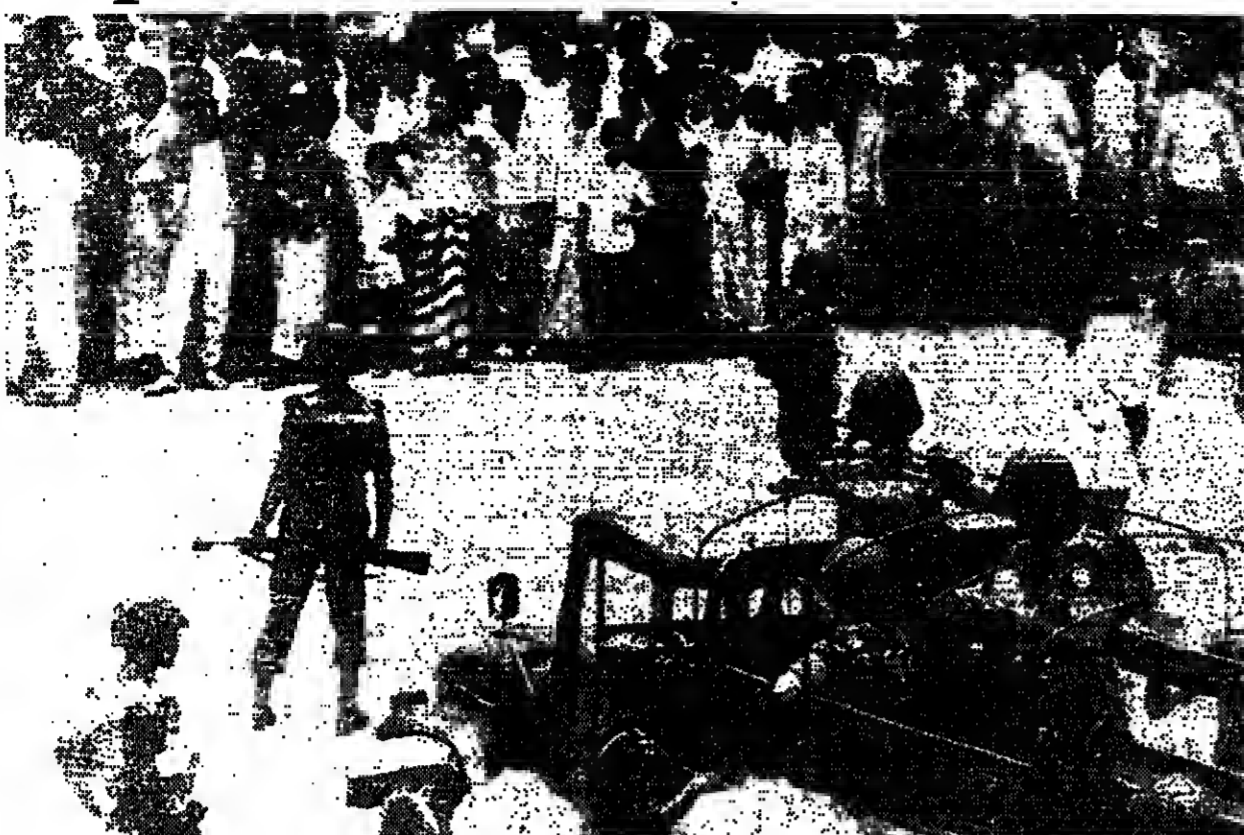
He said the election to the country's Parliament "went off, so far as I know, except in a few places, which usually happens".

First he played down the extent and the significance of the misbehaviour. "There was not a sign of violence," he said, "except in a few booths, where rival parties clashed. It's a normal feature of a developing nation."

Secondly he wanted to tribute blame for such disturbances as there were to the other side. "Electoral violence as started long ago. It was started by the Awami League," he said.

Thirdly he pointed to the early results that were being published. "The parties are neck-and-neck," he said. "Nobody in this country could say this election was rigged."

It is indeed true that the early results show the parties neck-and-neck. With counting completed to 183 of the 300 seats open for election, the Awami party, which supports the President's policies, has won 78 seats; the Awami



Armed Bangladeshi troops preventing voters near Dhaka from polling, saying that the booths were already closed at 10am.

League, the principal opposition party, has won 55; the minor parties in coalition with the Awami League have won another 19. Independents have taken 20 seats, the other minor parties have 12.

The team of Britons here to observe the election as neutrals as possible, considering they were brought by the People's Commission for Free

Elections set up by the Awami League, insisted that nothing could be judged from the early results alone.

The three members of the team were adamant that what they had seen on election day showed a massive and widespread attempt to rig the elections.

"If results are announced based on the voting we saw

yesterday," said Lord Ennals, the leader, "they are based on a fraudulent election."

Between them Lord Ennals, Mr Martin Brandon Bravo, Conservative MP for Nottingham South, and Mr David Lay of the BBC saw assistant presiding officers filling ballot boxes with ballot papers,

though there were no voters present; they saw voters' lists

indicating that 100 per cent of the register had voted, even though the register was three years old; and they saw violence and intimidation of voters and party agents.

"We felt that the principal offender was the Jatiya Party," said Mr Bravo yesterday.

Though the blame is overwhelmingly to be put on the



Sheikh Hasina, who has alleged election fraud.

government party, all independent observers agree there is some evidence of the misbehaviour of members of other parties.

Renewed polling will take place in those polling stations which were closed on orders of the presiding officers.

And, according to General Ershad, the Parliament will be summoned within a month of the official announcement of the results.

He is anxious to come to an agreement with the Opposition on a number of policy issues, that would not be disturbed by possible changes of government in the future, he said.

"Let us have a broad consensus on certain major national issues," he said, "indicating that the though he thought the Jatiya Party would probably win the elections which were now being declared, the Awami League would not be far behind."

Liberals united by fear in Colombia presidential race

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

It used to be said that the only difference between the two political parties in Colombia was that the Conservatives went to the nine o'clock Mass and the Liberals at ten.

Certainly no ideological terms there has never been much to distinguish them, as confirmed by the campaigns of the two main candidates in the current presidential election race.

Yet Colombian history has often been stained by merciless, senseless and bloody civil wars between Liberals and Conservatives, the last of which in the 1950s claimed an estimated 200,000 lives, and fears of a new *violencia* — as that last tragic conflict was known — have made the election result a foregone conclusion.

Nobody here doubts that on May 25 the Liberal candidate, Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas, a technocrat, will be elected to succeed President Belisario Betancur Cuatras, a titular Conservative whose four-year term ends in August.

President Betancur was a very different kind of Colombian politician. Liberal or Conservative. An idealist and populist (and indeed extremely popular until this last year of his administration), he coyly described himself as "to the left of the right" and steered a somewhat radical course in domestic and foreign policy, the cornerstone of both being peace.

It was on his initiative that the Contadora group was formed by Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela and Panama to seek negotiated solutions to the various conflicts raging in Central America.

At the same time he offered generous amnesty terms to Colombia's various revolutionary guerrilla groups in a bid to end the political violence which has convulsed this country since the sectarian bloodletting of the 1950s.

In the end, everything was to blow up in his face in the nightmare events of last November. First, the belligerent subversive April 19 movement (M19), which earlier had broken off a ceasefire pact, took the Palace of Justice in Bogotá in a siege which was to end the next day in a blood-bath when government troops stormed the building.

A week later the Nevado del Ruiz volcano erupted in central Colombia, killing 25,000 and adding to the mood of national gloom.

The M19 action fuelled the view among Colombians that the Government had ceded

too much to the guerrillas in the quest for peace, while also generating criticism of Señor Betancur's efforts within Contadora, particularly after the M19 arms used in the siege were traced conclusively to Nicaragua.

The Liberals have always been Colombia's majority party, and historically the Conservatives can only gain power, as Señor Betancur did in 1982, when the Liberal vote is split.

This time the Liberals are united, a circumstance produced by the conservative candidacy of Señor Alvaro Gómez Hurtado, the Liberals' *bête noire* and the most controversial Colombian politician.

Señor Gómez's misfortune is to be the soo of the reactionary conservative President widely blamed for the poisoned sectarianism that led to the first *violencia*.

The Liberals are capitalizing on fears that Señor Gómez would revive old party hatreds and so add to the spiralling climate of political violence.

Such fears, however unjustified, led Señor Gómez to lose by a landslide in his previous bid for the presidency in 1974 and will do so again now, even though his policies are no more right-wing than those of Señor Barco.

Both would take a stronger line on subversion, provide incentives to private business, take a much more pro-Washington line, and prove less active in Contadora than Señor Betancur.



President Betancur: a final year of unpopularity.

The third candidate is Jaime Pardo Leal, of the Patriotic Union, a left-wing movement newly founded by former members of the nation's biggest guerrilla group, the Moscow-line Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), which has agreed a series of ceasefire pacts.

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Horror of Grenada executions

St George's, Grenada (Reuters) — A prosecution witness in the Maurice Bishop murder trial testified yesterday that a soldier had slashed the former Grenadian Prime Minister's throat and sliced a finger from his corpse to get a ring.

Another witness said the bodies of Bishop and his associates were burnt "like frying eggs" in an army camp the day after they were executed during a coup on October 19, 1983.

Eighteen former left-wing leaders are on trial for the murders, which resulted in the US invasion of the Caribbean island six days later. Among the defendants are Mr Bernard Coard, the former Deputy Prime Minister, his wife Phyllis, and Mr Hudson Austin, the ex-army commander who led the coup.

Miss Shirley Ann-Marie Charles said that after Bishop had been executed by a firing squad she had watched Captain Lester Redhead, a soldier in the People's Revolutionary Army, slash his throat and cut off a finger with a ring on it.

Helped by a soldier, she had carried down Bishop's bullet-riddled body to the bottom square at Fort Rupert. The second prosecution witness, Mr Christopher Bowen, a former soldier, said he saw the bodies of Bishop and his associates being burnt at an army camp at Caligny, in the south of the island, the following day. "I saw bodies frying like eggs in a frying pan," he said.

He said Lieutenant Callistus Bernard, one of the defendants, then threw the bodies into a latrine hole.

Contadora demand by Arias

From Martha Honey
San José

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16 Romanians defect at Seville cup match

Seville (Reuters) — At least 16 of about 1,000 Romanian football fans attending Wednesday's European Cup final in Seville have sought political asylum in the city, police here said yesterday.

A spokesman said five fans approached stadium police before and during the evening's game and 11 more went to police headquarters overnight. One had gone first to the West German consulate before the match and was taken to the police.

At least four more Romanians failed to board chartered flights home and were unaccounted for, he said.

The defectors, who were all male and aged 30 to 51, remained at police headquarters while their asylum requests were being processed.

Their team, Steaua Bucharest, beat Barcelona on a penalties shoot-out to become the first team from a communist country to win the European Cup.

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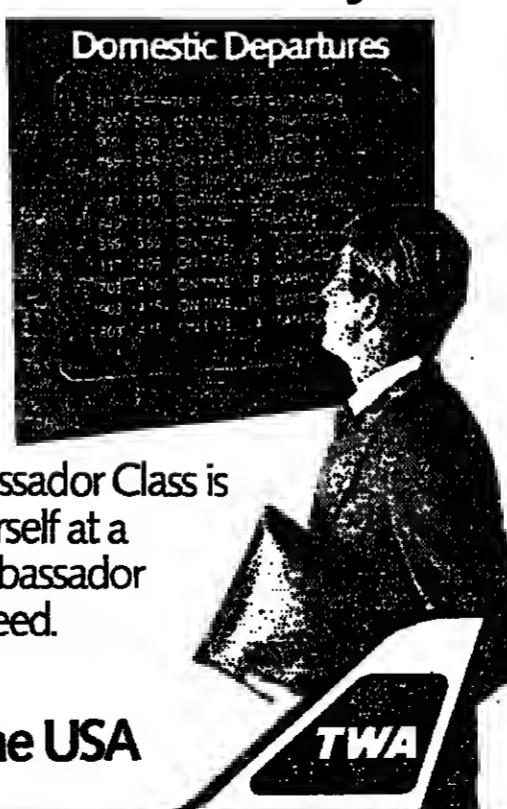
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Allies through six centuries

Portugal is often, and correctly, described as Britain's oldest ally. The description tends to be of more emotional than practical significance in modern times, and beyond the element of good will has little obvious relevance to either country's needs. Both have been members of Nato since its foundation, and both are now members of the European Community.

But there were periods in the past when the alliance was of great significance to both countries. The Treaty of Windsor, signed in the Chapel Royal of the castle on May 9, 1386, 600 years ago today, had considerable influence on European affairs.

Even now it is far from dormant. In 1982, at the time of the Falklands war, Britain made a secret request to Lisbon for its aircraft to be allowed to use the base at Lajes in the Azores. The Portuguese replied that they would agree if the request was made under the terms of the Treaty of Windsor, and that was done.

Similarly during the Second World War Portugal, a neutral, gave rights to use the Azores first to Britain, and then to the United States, after London had invoked the Anglo-Portuguese alliance.

When it was signed, between Richard II of England and John I of Portugal, the treaty seemed little different from many other such treaties, which reflected the shifting alliances of the period. But it stuck because it reflected genuinely shared interests in the two countries.

These interests were in two main areas. One was commerce: England and Portugal were both maritime, trading nations, and each had goods the other wanted. Even more important, however, was the military-strategic link. Portugal, with its long land frontier with Spain, needed support

against the expansionist designs of its larger neighbour, England, in giving that support, was acting to prevent too great a predominance of any single Continental country, whether Spain or, later, Napoleonic France.

Relations between England and Portugal go back at least to the time of the Crusades. In 1147 a body of Crusaders set off for the Holy Land from Dartmouth, and en route were asked by Afonso Henriques, first King of independent Portugal, to help in driving out the Moors. They took part



The state arms

in the capture of Lisbon, and many of them stayed on. Trade developed - textiles from England and wine, dried fruit, salt, honey and wax from Portugal. More political links came in the 14th century in a conflict over the succession to the throne of Castile.

John of Gaunt from his base in Bordeaux and King Ferdinand I of Portugal both claimed the throne, and decided to pool their efforts, signing the Treaty of Tagilde in 1372. A new treaty was signed in 1373 between Ferdinand and Edward III.

After the death of Ferdinand, John I of Castile claimed the Portuguese throne. This was indignantly rejected by most Portuguese, and John, Master of Aviz, was proclaimed King.

A force of English archers was despatched to Portugal, and with their help the Portu-

guese decisively defeated the troops of John of Castile, who had invaded Portugal, at Aljubarrota in 1385.

The battle established Portuguese independence, and the value of the English link. In the following year the far-reaching Treaty of Windsor was signed, formally committing the two countries to the defence of each other's interests and territories "for ever". It was quickly followed by the marriage of the Portuguese King to Philippa of Lancaster, daughter of John of Gaunt.

John and Philippa's children included Henry the Navigator, who played a leading part in setting off the remarkable expansion of Portugal overseas.

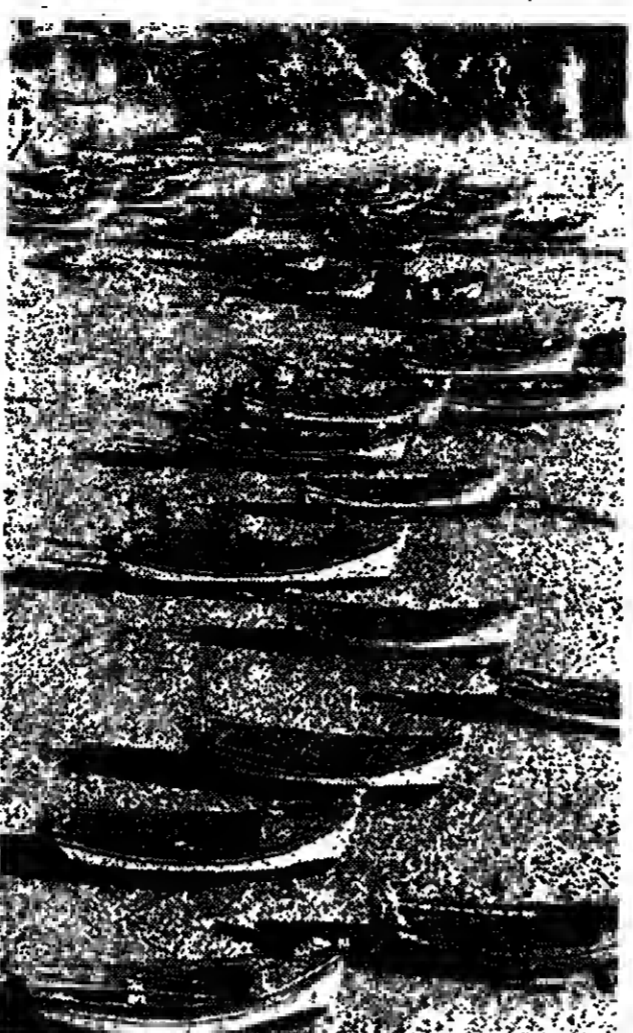
The Treaty of Windsor was regularly confirmed during the 15th century. Portuguese interest waned in the 16th, and the treaty fell into abeyance during the 60 years from 1580 to 1640 when Portugal was united with Spain.

But after the overthrow of rule from Madrid Portugal turned to England again. In 1661, when Portugal was once again under serious threat from Spain, an important treaty of alliance was signed with the newly restored Charles II, by which Charles married Catherine of Braganza and England committed itself again to defending Portuguese territory.

English troops were landed, and in two battles at Ameixial and Montecastro they and the Portuguese routed a Spanish invasion force.

Portugal did not get this help for nothing. Catherine of Braganza brought a large dowry of two million cruzados as well as Tangier and Bombay, and a wide range of privileges for English merchants had already been included in earlier treaties.

The commercial links were



From sea to shrine: Traditional-style fishing boats at Albufeira and the sanctuary of Jesus do Monte near Braga, visited by thousands of pilgrims every year

developed further in the Methuen treaties of 1703. One treaty declared in lapidary terms that England would buy Portuguese wines, and Portugal English woollens, and this laid the foundation for the rapid growth of Anglo-Portuguese trade and, not least, the production of port along the Douro valley by British families.

During the Seven Years War there was again an invasion of Portugal, by a Franco-Spanish force which withdrew after military assistance was sent from Britain. Far more serious was the occupation of Portugal in 1807 by the French during the Napoleonic wars. The Portuguese royal family fled to Brazil with an escort of British warships just before they reached Lisbon.

But the following year Sir

Arthur Wellesley, later Duke of Wellington, landed and defeated Junot, and a liberated Portugal provided the starting point for the Peninsular Campaign, which took British, Portuguese and Spanish troops up to and beyond the Pyrenees. The Portuguese army was trained and commanded by British officers.

For the remainder of the 19th century British influence was predominant in Portugal, and the alliance remained strong, if at times one-sided. Tensions arose over colonial policy in Africa, and there was a serious crisis in 1890 when Britain sent Lisbon a stiff note over Portuguese claims to a continuous stretch of territory from Angola to Mozambique. Portugal had to abandon the claims, with considerable resentment, but good relations

were restored by the end of the century.

In the First World War Portugal was initially neutral, but sent troops to fight on the Allied side after Germany had declared war on it.

By the Second World War links were already less close between Portugal and Britain, and Dr Salazar, the Portuguese dictator, had some political sympathy for the Axis powers. But he maintained Portuguese neutrality and exercised himself to keep Franco's Spain out of the war. Once it was clear which way the war was going he was increasingly helpful to the Allies, not least by allowing use of the Azores.

In Portugal today, a democracy again, the British presence is much less marked than it was. But there is an awareness, learnt in history lessons at school, of the part that Britain has played in Portuguese affairs, if also a sense that if Britain often helped it also often took undue advantage of its greater strength.

But a predisposition to be friendly and, more practically, the response to the British request at the time of the Falklands war showed that after 600 years the alliance does live on.

The legacy of a revolution

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of Portugal's 1974 "Revolution of the Carnations", when the armed forces ended a hopeless colonial war by sweeping away both a 50-year-old dictatorial regime and an overseas empire which was then the oldest in the world.

Politically and economically, the revolution marked the most significant watershed this century for the small nation of nine million people. It brought them back to the west European mainstream and provided the basis for the country's incorporation in the European Community from January 1 this year.

Yet socially the consequences have proved to be less decisive, or at least less directly identifiable with the revolution. Twelve years after the events of April 1974, it is fashionable to emphasise how Portugal has returned to its much-lamented conservative ways.

Even in politics it is possible to question the lasting impact of the more revolutionary aims of 1974.

The centre-right government of Senhor Anibal Cavaco

Silva, elected last October, has a Cabinet of many technocrat seeking pragmatic answers to Portugal's problems. Many young Portuguese in that election and in the presidential election which followed were evidently less attracted to the more radical ideals of 1974.

Expresso, Portugal's leading weekly, conducted a poll for the anniversary which reveals that more than 50 per cent of young Portuguese confess they prefer to they order rather than give them.

Portugal is a small country without ethnic, religious or linguistic problems, but, as western Europe's poorest nation, it does have serious regional and social inequalities.

Its working and rural classes are still more deferential than in neighbouring European countries, so the post-1974 democratic rulers lack the corresponding pressure and stimulus from below.

Yet the advent of the fresh winds of democracy brought the nation many benefits amid the painful upheaval of 1974.

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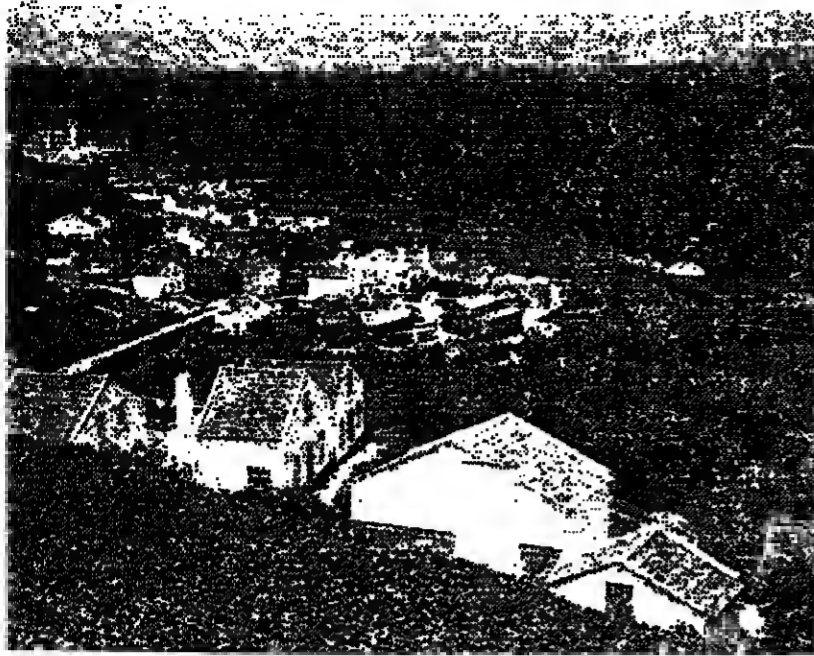
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Libon itself lies on seven hills on the estuary of the Tagus. The sights include St George's Castle above the city. The best way to reach it is to climb up through the labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys of the Alfama, which, through history, quartered Goths, Saracens and Jews.

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A day's itinerary from Lisbon could include visits to the 14th-century Batalha monastery, the picturesque fishing village of Nazare with its brightly coloured boats, and Obidos, a charming medieval walled town.

In the north are the Douro Valley and the city of Oporto, famous for the port trade. A trip along the Douro through the terraced vineyards or a journey across the river at Oporto to the old *bodegas* to taste the port are evocative.

In the centre of the country are Estremoz, Evora and many fortified old towns. Evora is the most architecturally interesting town in Portugal, with styles from the Roman temple of Diana to the Renaissance.

There is tourist accommodation all over the country. The most unusual are the *posadas*, government-run hotels in converted moorland forts or castles or in modern, specially constructed buildings.

Martha de la Cal
The nine islands
The nine Portuguese islands that lie in the Azores archipelago, 900 miles from Europe and 2,000 miles from America, are one of the vital strategic points in Nato defence.

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Christopher Columbus, on his return from his first voyage, named the islands off the island of Santa Maria. The Azores have their own assembly and regional government. The total population is under 300,000, more than half of whom are farmers raising vegetables, fruit, cattle, tea, sugar cane and grapes. Others are tuna fishermen or whalers.

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76 and ushered in much badly-needed change.

Liberty brought a regular consultation of the wishes of the people, not ready-made solutions for their problems. Some would say there have been far too many elections, including four in the past seven months.

In all these polls the Portuguese have shown a remarkable attachment to maintaining an equilibrium. Perhaps that is to be explained by the experience in 1974 of lurching within weeks from a right-wing dictatorship to an attempted people's democracy. Ever since the elections for the first constitutional government in 1976, a majority of Portuguese have shown themselves cannyly opposed to concentrating power on either the left or the right.

That, of course, has not meant there are no Portuguese voters wanting to install a communist dictatorship, or no voters casting a frightened "no" in stop that, or no voters wanting to return to a thinly disguised version of the Salazar regime. But the majorities have been consistently for the centre-left Social Democrats.

Except for the Communists, all the familiar European party labels are more or less

An extra problem for the Prime Minister

deceptive in the Portuguese context. Led by Dr Mario Soares, new President, the Socialists got many middle-class votes because of the fight they put up against the Communists at the height of the revolution.

The Social Democrats, a hybrid party anyway, have fluctuated largely according to which leader was in the ascendant - at times well to the right of other European social democratic parties, at others more like a Roman Catholic centre party.

The voters refused the "grand design" of Dr Francisco de Sa Carneira, Prime Minister until his death in 1980, of a centre-right coalition government coupled with a right-wing president.

They preferred to re-elect instead President Antonio Eanes, a former army general of centre-left views. Something very similar happened earlier this year when Professor Diogo Freitas do Amaral, a right-wing candidate, obtained more than 46 per cent of the votes in the first round of the presidential contest in January.

He finally went down last February before Dr Soares, the candidate of the centre-left, who obtained the backing of the Communists.

So Senhor Cavaco, too, failed to get the President he wanted, and Portugal embarked last March, like France, on its own experience of "co-habitation". The Prime Minister has an additional problem. He has headed only a minority gov-



Mario Soares: Emphasizing an elder-statesman role

ernment since the general elections last October. His party obtained no more than 29.8 per cent of the votes, or 88 seats, in Portugal's 250-seat single chamber parliament.

The Socialists, severely punished by the voters for an economic austerity programme they had implemented, obtained 20 per cent, or 57 seats.

The October elections in fact marked a new point of departure for all Portuguese parties, and perhaps recognition of the fact that, however important the 1974 revolution was, a new generation of voters must increasingly be heeded.

As president, Dr Soares is emphasizing an elder-statesman's role, seeking to avoid interfering with the government. His five-year term could provide the political stability badly needed for Portugal's economic development and adjustment to the Common Market.

The sense of a change of generation will also be provided by the Socialists electing a new party leader to succeed him next month.

In spite of revisions in 1982, the Portuguese constitution provides for a semi-presiden-

tial system of government. Senhor Cavaco, after having last month's Budget amended on crucial tax proposals by the Opposition, is evidently looking for an opportunity to go to the country and win a majority.

His business-like conduct of affairs as Prime Minister has created a good impression. Signs of an improvement in the economy, with real wages going up for the first time in more than two years, might tempt him to try his luck.

However, the Portuguese voters might react unfavourably to any politician they judge to be plunging their country so soon again into costly elections. Senhor Cavaco may be forced to soldier on.

So long as he has to do that, the 45 MPs of the Democratic Renewal Party, launched last year to be the vehicle for President Eanes when he stepped down, are crucial to parliamentary arithmetic.

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Legend has it that Madeira was discovered in 1346 by the Englishman Robert Machim, who was shipwrecked there with his mistress. History books give the credit to Joao Goncalves Zarco, a Portuguese explorer who landed there in 1419 and named the island Isla de Madiera - wooded island - and claimed it for Portugal.

Irrespective of who discovered it, ties with England have always been close. English merchants settled there in the 15th and 16th centuries and when Charles II married Catherine of Braganza in 1660 they were given special privileges. A large British garrison was stationed in Madeira during the Napoleonic wars, when Portugal was allied with Britain. Many of the soldiers married local girls and remained on the island.

British tourists have long enjoyed its spectacular volcanic mountains which rise out of the sea, its exotic flowers, its gracious living and its famous old hotels.

Madiera has been somewhat forgotten of late, but it is being rediscovered. The airport runway has been extended to take planes that can fly direct from London. The local government is also encouraging foreign investment.

A project to establish a free-trade and offshore banking zone on the east of the island was approved in 1980.

Madiera depends heavily on tourism. Madiera wine is the island's biggest export, but it imports much more than it exports. Its rocky terrain makes farming extremely difficult.

The greater part of the island remains unoccupied. The 300,000 inhabitants are concentrated in the south around Funchal, the capital.

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On the long road to recovery

Portugal appears to be on the road to economic recovery after a decade of mounting deficits, high unemployment, stagnating investments and burgeoning foreign debt.

There are several reasons for optimism. The country is poised to save over a billion dollars a year through the drop in oil prices. The spectacular decline of the dollar in relation to the escudo has now made it easier to pay for essential imports such as food, raw materials and equipment.

Portugal will also receive large sums from the EEC, which it joined on January 1, for roads, highways, dams, irrigation schemes, airports, schools, hospitals, sewage disposal, forestation, rural infrastructure, tourist facilities and professional training centres.

Finally, the present government under the Social Democrat Prime Minister, Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva, inherited a considerably improved balance of payments situation from the former government under Dr Mario Soares.

Portugal is hoping to attract foreign investment by stressing membership of the EEC, cheap labour and fiscal benefits. "We are encouraging foreign investment that will produce for export or import substitution and provide jobs," Dr Miguel Cadilhe, the Finance Minister, said. "We also want to see it directed toward advanced technology and areas where we have no experience."

Foreign investment in 1985 was worth £200 million, an increase of 53 per cent over 1984. It was mainly in banking, cellulose paste, chemicals, mining and electro-mechanical industries. The biggest investor was Britain, with Barclays Bank, Wiggins Teape and Rio Tinto Zinc to the fore.

Early this year the Portuguese government and Fiat signed a £9 million contract to make auto components for export. Japanese and Brazilian companies and others are studying projects in electronics, precision mechanics, computer software and food processing.

Economic growth, which was estimated at 2.5 per cent in 1985, is expected to increase to four per cent in 1986.

Inflation fell from 30 per cent over the past few years to 19.3 per cent in 1985 and is continuing to fall. Dr Cadilhe



Busy times: Glueing soles at an Oporto shoe factory and a boy leads a hand with the grape harvest in the Douro valley

predicts it will be at 12 per cent by the end of the year. Because of reduced inflation, real wages, which had dropped below 1973 levels, should become positive and permit an increase in private consumption of about 3.5 per cent.

The government plans to allow the balance of payments deficit to rise in order to stimulate growth and new industries. The foreign debt will be allowed to go up for the next three or four years to permit investment in export or import substitution industries," Dr Cadilhe said. "The deficit will correct itself

There is a danger that the more aggressive Spain may flood the country with products

when these industries produce. We need a billion dollars and six or seven years and then we will be over the bump."

The government is putting great faith in the Portuguese private sector's ability to respond to the EEC challenge and overcome an inertia which is the result of 50 years of protectionism under the regime overthrown by the 1974 revolution and the subsequent turmoil and nationalizations. But in spite of optimism

and industrialized Spain, just across the border, may flood the country with Spanish products.

At the same time the United States is threatening to limit imports of Portuguese wines, textiles and other products because of the accession of Spain and Portugal to the EEC. The US argues that entry will cost it vast sums in lost exports of grains and other products.

Finally, the political future of the country continues to be

doubtful. Senhor Cavaco Silva heads a minority government based on only 39 per cent of the vote. He is determined to reduce the state's role in the business and industrial sector and promote the role of private investors. He also wants to liberalize the labour laws to permit dismissals and attract investment. However the Opposition has successfully blocked or modified most of his projects.

Recently Parliament voted to lower the price of petrol against the wishes of the government, which wanted the billion dollars saved on oil imports used to pay off debts.

The government will soon present its controversial labour legislation. Most businessmen see it as necessary to attract investment. They say no one is willing to increase the work force when demand is high if they cannot lay them off when demand falls.

If the labour laws and other future government proposals are turned down by parliament, it might become necessary to form another government in the next few months - either from among the parties in parliament or to take the problem to the voters in a general election.

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Now they even hurry the port over lunch

Oporto, serious, grey and hardworking, keeps its renowned wines at a distance. The 80 or so lodges where port is prepared and aged before being shipped around the world are clustered unobtrusively in shabby Vila Nova de Gaia, facing the city across the deep Douro River ravine. The wines themselves are produced miles away up the river.

However, the sanctum of the port trade is in the city itself. It is a solid, rather imposing stone building called the Factory House, the domain since the 18th century of the British Association, a group of wine shippers. It is present - who dominate the port trade today. The past is very much alive at the Factory House. The 18th-century ambience encourages a certain formality, and a respect still remains for time-consuming civility in what is after all a highly competitive business.

Old formalities still dominate the city

But port is a business, and traces of the 20th century are unavoidable even in the Factory House. The time-honoured Wednesday lunch for members and their guests is no longer the unburied affair it once was. Now, among the younger members at least, one senses a brisk willingness to forgo the third glass of vintage port at the end and get back to the office.

If port is no longer a British monopoly, the most important firms are still largely British. British firms were well established in the wine shipping trade in Oporto early in the 18th century. By 1755, the year of the devastating Lisbon earthquake, they had gained a monopoly in the trade. The Portuguese growers who supplied them with wine had become so enraged with their price-fixing practices that the formidable prime minister of the time, the Marquis de Pombal, stepped in and broke the cartel by making port production a government monopoly.

There followed a difficult time for the British shippers, but they learned to live with state control and by 1786 had become prosperous and secure enough to start building the present Factory House. By the early part of the 19th century, the British mercantile community was a solidly established feature of Oporto.

While everybody applauds the enterprise and tenacity of the pioneer shippers, opinions are divided on the quality of their wines. Many of the early ports seem to have been at best indifferent wines to which sugar, elderberry juice and other poisons were frequently added. They would not have met the strict standards laid down by the Instituto do Vinho do Porto (Port Wine Institute), the state-run body which now watches over the quality of port.

Port wine grapes are grown in terraced vineyards on the upper reaches of the Douro, where the river threads through steep hills of schist. The grapes are pressed up-river and then the young wine is brought down to Vila Nova de Gaia. The process is carefully watched by the institute. The wine must be produced within the strictly demarcated growing area and does not go anywhere without the permission of the institute.

Wine cultivation is strictly demarcated

Despite the Britishness of port, the British have been drinking less and less of it. Their place has long since been taken by France, which bought 40.9 per cent of the 634,596 hectolitres Portugal exported in 1985. Belgium is the next biggest buyer with Portugal itself and the United Kingdom third and fourth in the line with about ten per cent each of the market.

However, the British are still the leading buyers of the prestigious and costly vintage ports, and they are buying more and more of them. The British have also taken to a relative newcomer in the quality market, the somewhat less expensive, late bottled vintage port.

Many producers see the up-market ports as the most probable area for expansion. The bulk of port production, the tawnies, rubies and whites, are wines that have been blended from the products of different harvests, matured in wood for a number of years and bottled when they are ready to be drunk.

Every so often, though, a harvest, or vintage, of unusually good quality will induce shippers to set aside the entire year's production for ageing separately. This product becomes what is known as vintage port.

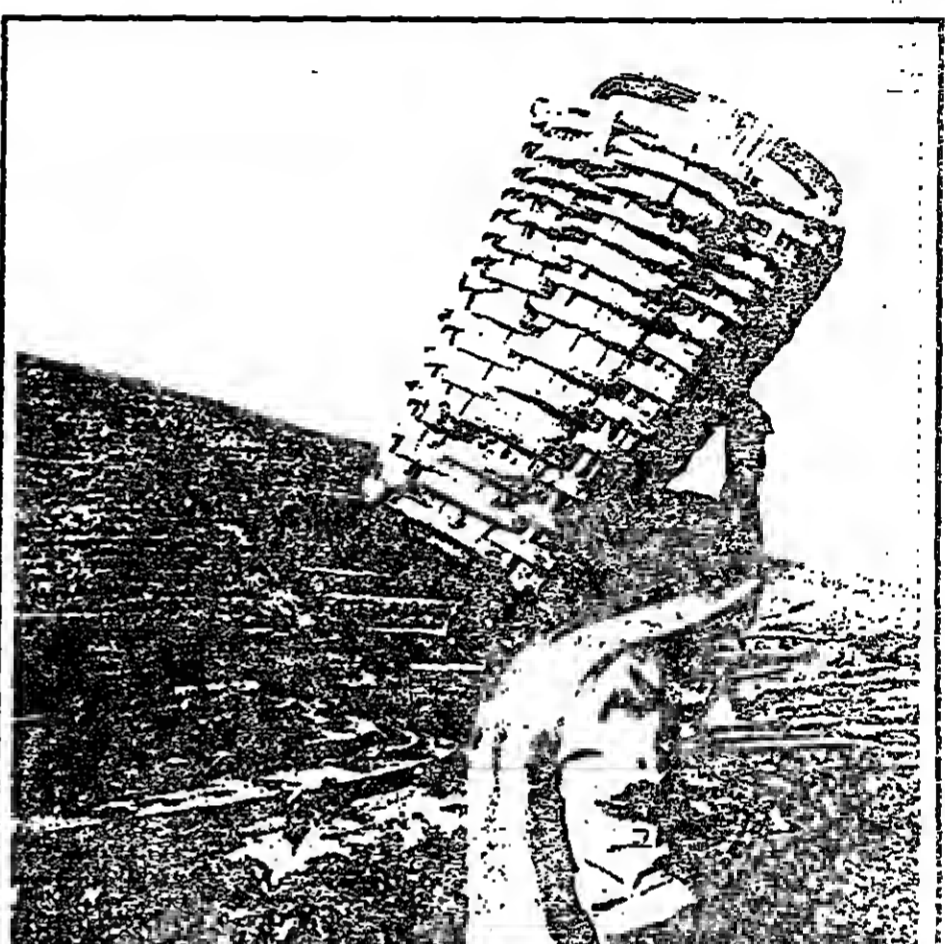
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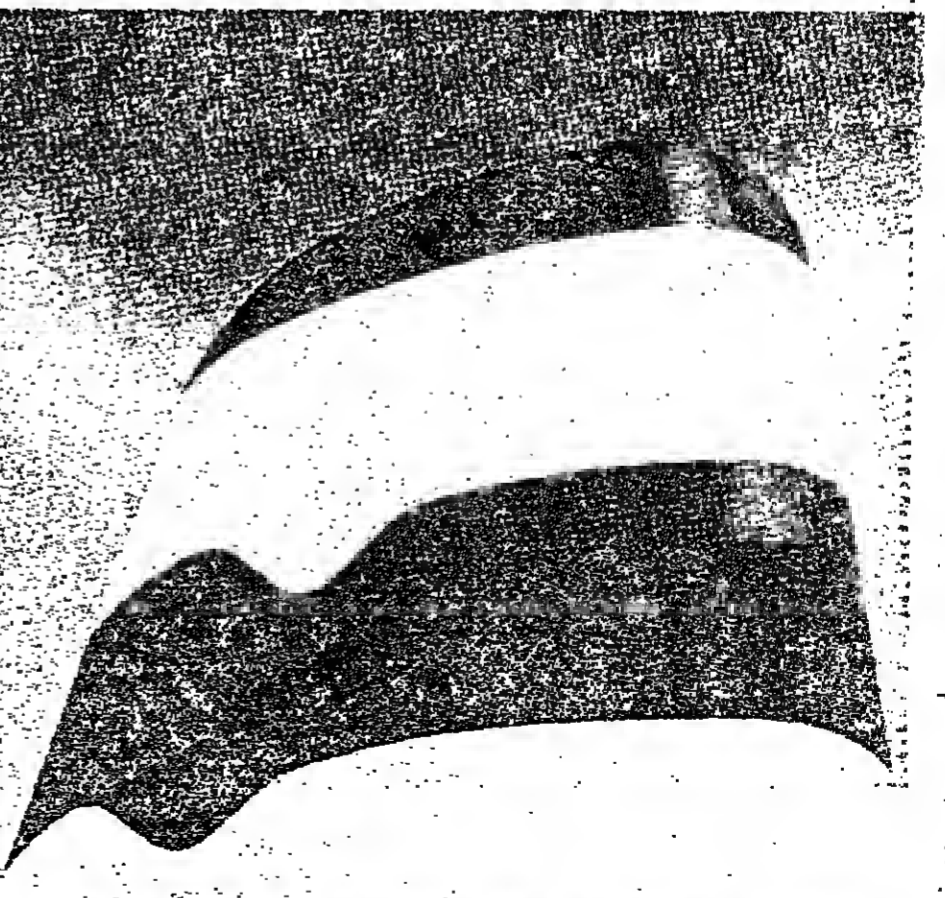
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The all-change expert

The down-beat image of British Rail's biggest commuter service is due for a colourful shake-up under the much-travelled eyes of its new chief

When Chris Green took over as head of British Rail's London commuter services, he set himself the task of discovering the problems at first hand. By June he plans to have travelled on every line under his control giving him, he claims, an unrivalled knowledge of the network.

Before his arrival in London early this year, Green had earned a reputation as something of a miracle worker for the way he transformed BR's Southern Region and put new fire into the hearts of its staff. He hopes his travels throughout his network will be the first step to another transformation. It is a major task in a region which embraces lines to points as far away as King's Lynn, Ramsgate, Weymouth, Newbury, and Northampton - a total of 2,350 miles.

He has been working his way through the region, travelling on a different line each week. His secretary books him a room at a hotel - this week, apart from a couple of unavoidable nights in London, it's Tunbridge Wells, and next week it will be Winchester and Watford - and he joins commuters from Monday to Thursday, returning home to his family at the weekend.

He recites the statistics of his empire with obvious satisfaction: "We have 6,700 coaches, 930 stations and 41,000 staff every week we run 50,400 trains carrying eight million passengers; every day there are 400,000 passengers coming into London during the peak. The London and south-east network represents almost half BR's passenger revenue and two-thirds of all the passenger journeys. It generates £600 million a year of BR's total business of £1 billion."

If Green reveals an extraordinary dedication to his job it is because he is no ordinary BR executive. Brought up among a family of teachers in Richmond, Surrey, he enjoyed an early taste of commuting by travelling every day to St Paul's School. He thinks he might have had a train set as a child, but had no desire to be an engine driver.

He studied modern history at Oriel College, Oxford, and when he graduated in 1965 briefly considered a career in the Ministry of Transport. Instead, he opted for management training at British Railways, which at the time was reeling under the Beeching axe and hardly seemed to offer a bright lad much of a future. "I saw the positive things that Beeching was doing; I think



He's getting there: Chris Green takes a breather from his train-hopping marathon

the nation got over-emotional at that time", he says. He was attracted to railways not so much by the roar of the loco shed or the smell of steam, but by "the sheer logistics of running trains and organizing people - that's the fascination".

After rising rapidly through the ranks, his flair for organization and motivation has landed him with what many would describe as the toughest job in British Rail. "We have half BR's passenger business so it's tough by definition. We certainly have the most demanding passengers in our sector - travelling with us every day on split-second timings. They know the system as well as we do and are quick to criticize. But I like to crack problems."

The thing that has struck him most forcibly about his travels on the commuter services has been the cynicism of passengers, the "them and us" attitude towards British Rail. More positively, he says he has been impressed by the strength and the humour of the staff. "There's a lot of talent to be built on, and I think what they're looking for is a more cheerful, more colourful railway and an amnesty in which the public doesn't go on nagging at them for things that aren't their fault."

His immediate reaction has been to launch Operation Pride, the first coordinated drive to improve the

quality of service covering the newly-constituted London commuter region. It is a three-stage plan which, he says, will radically improve the London and south-east rail network and "take it into the first division of European railways".

"The first priority is to restore the quality of service standards. Our efforts to reduce the government subsidy, which has fallen quite dramatically by £100 million in the past three years, have not been achieved without pain, and I think what you're seeing now is some ragged edges of quality, which is what we're attacking." The first stage of the campaign aims to ensure that the drive to reduce the subsidy does not result in more cancellations or cutbacks in cleaning or punctuality.

Analysis has shown that problems of cancellation and punctuality are confined to 20 per cent of the network. Perhaps the worst offender has been the Victoria to Brighton line, which has difficulties with modern signalling equipment. He also believes there are "far too many cancellations" on the Fenchurch Street to Southend line and on the Liverpool Street to Shenfield and Colchester routes - people have a right to expect better, he says. Task forces have been detailed to solve these problems and already he says that the number of cancellations is falling and punctuality is improving.

The second stage of Operation Pride has been the decision to recruit 1,700 new staff - carriage cleaners, booking clerks, train crews and staff for the telephone inquiry bureaux. Twenty-six mobile gangs will be set up to give stations a clean-up every three months. Lighting at stations is being improved to make passengers, particularly women, feel safer at night.

His strategy's final part involves the selling and marketing of London's commuter rail network. That includes cheap fares aimed at attracting people on to under-used off-peak services and attractive deals for people travelling to London for a night out. Perhaps the boldest move will be a complete change of image. The drab train colour scheme, which has prevailed since 1964, will be replaced by bold colours.

"The bright colours will be a signal to people that things are changing. We want to show that we're not traditionalists, we're out in the market looking for business. The new image and bright colours will invite people to come and try the service. I guarantee that by September everybody will have quite a clear idea about what the London and south-east network is all about."

Frank Barrett
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Song and dance over the West End wavelength

The radio mike has transformed the choreography of the modern musical. But interference waits in the wings



Chess star: Elaine Paige

If rumoured changes in the laws concerning the allocation of radio frequencies for West End stage shows were to go through, Chess, due to open next Wednesday at the Prince Edward theatre, would not be in production. And six hugely successful musicals would have to come off, at least temporarily. Some could be adapted, but only, say the experts, at great cost in terms of sound and movement; others would probably be beyond salvation.

A few weeks ago such legislation seemed to be the likely outcome of a government inquiry now looking into the allocation of radio waveband frequencies. Now, however, there are signs that strong protests may have brought about a change of heart.

A very small object is at the heart of this potentially very large problem. It is the radio microphone.

It consists of a transmitter the size of a cigarette packet, and a minute microphone worn either on the head or chest. Because there are no wires or cables, composers and choreographers are now able to write and design musicals in a way that they have never done before, and performers can spin, leap, dance and move to places on the stage with a freedom previously inconceivable.

In setting the poems of T.S. Eliot to music orches-

trated for five electronic synthesizers and performed to an audience sitting round 270 degrees of a circular stage. Chess makes use of 12 radio mikes. Starlight Express has 21. Chess will use 17.

Not only do audiences love it, they have also come to expect it. "Ever more perfect sound in hi-fis and compact discs at home means that people are used to high quality sound", explains Nick Allott, associate produc-

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

It is not so much that Chess would suffer if radio microphones did not exist in its present form, it wouldn't be there at all.

For this rock-and-roll musical, with its 37 characters sharing 16 radio microphones, has choreography which depends on unhampered movement, loud sound, and yet at the same time extreme clarity for voices, so that the lead singers can get across the story in their songs. None of this would be conceivable if they were harassed to hand microphones and the cables that go with them.

Jesus Christ Superstar, comparable in kind, did have to rely on hand microphones: months were devoted to working out how 26 singers could move about, attached to their leads, without muddle. The result? One chorus stayed to the right of the stage, the other to the left; only the principal singers moved more

or less at will, but still they had to stick to the middle. Today's total freedom - the ability to jump, twist, turn against loud sound and yet still be heard - is what is new.

One scene from Chess demonstrates the difference the radio microphone can make. The American chess player is giving a press conference. He struts, sits down, leaps to his feet, and circles the stage, while reporters and television crews fire off questions as they, too, jump and cluster around him. The words are all in a song, to heavy accompaniment. The chess player becomes fractions; a brawl breaks out.

Without the radio mike only the star, holding a hand microphone, could move. The reporters would have to sit. The brawl would take place without song - or else the song words would be indecipherable behind the loud music and general rumpus.

or so Cameron Mackintosh for *Cats* and *Les Misérables*. "Why come to the theatre if it's so much better at home?" The threat to all this stems from the decision of the Department of Trade and Industry to cease 405-line black and white broadcasting and to set up an inquiry designed to reorganise the entire use of the spectrum. From their birth in the early 1970s, and particularly after *Cats* made it all look so exciting, the radio mikes have been coexisting peacefully, in an amicable fire-fall, with other users of the same band - namely the broadcasting services. When friction seemed likely, technicians met first to decide between themselves who would use what.

In preparation for the night when the Chess attended a preview of *Starlight Express*, long discussions were held between sound engineers and the BBC and ITA. There was no interference with the sound. Two nights later, as if to prove how dicy the system can be, the press office forgot to tell the *Starlight Express* sound team that the BBC was coming again; the result was mayhem, the interference being so bad that the principal singers were inaudible.

When the decision was made to re-examine the allocation of the frequencies, long-established users like the emergency services and broadcasters simply put in their applications for the bits best suited to their needs. And, it seems, a little more.

For when those not already recognized were allowed in they found themselves "left with the scraps", in the words of Andrew Bruce of Autograph, sound engineer or designer on 13 of the current or forthcoming musicals. The scraps were bits of the frequency so ill-suited to radio microphones that they would not be worth using.

What enraged him, and the musical lobby that rapidly built up to fight the threatened legislation, was that he was unofficially told that those who were to get the band he wanted - people concerned with animal tracking and cordless telephones - were of "serious industrial importance", while musicals were "only amusement".

The radio microphones are crucial, according to Nick Allott. Take them away and why bother to spend £18.50 on a seat?" he says.

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Beware the loan arranger

No one can doubt that the days of mortgage shortages are gone - probably for good. In the past few months an increasing number of financial institutions have begun pushing an unprecedented amount of money at home-buyers.

The frenetic competition has led to more generous lending terms, lower interest rates and special offers of all sorts. The Midland Bank is giving subsidies on survey and legal fees to people who switch their home loan from another lender. The Trustee Savings Bank is offering free house contents insurance to tempt new borrowers, and Lloyds Bank has even established its Black Horse estate agency chain to provide a complete property-buying package.

A few months ago banks generally lent only up to 80 to 85 per cent of a property's value. They are now willing to go to 90 and even 95 per cent. In short, the mortgage market has become a bonanza for borrowers - much so that Roy Cox, chairman of the Building Societies Association, felt obliged this week to warn his members against "relaxing lending standards in order to obtain an adequate volume of business". In other words: do not lend to those

As the boom in mortgage lending continues, there are fears that home-buyers may be borrowing themselves into bankruptcy



who cannot afford the repayments.

How did the boom come about? In essence, it is the result of basic alterations in financial markets and in the priorities banks and others have set themselves.

Until the end of the 1970s the building societies had over 90 per cent of the mortgage market, mainly because no other institutions took an interest. In 1979, however, the big clearing banks realized that much of their international lending, particularly to Lat-

in America, was going seriously wrong. They also noted that the UK home loan market offered higher returns than almost any other kind of lending.

From the start the banks were aggressively innovative. In general they offered the same interest rates to borrowers of large amounts as to smaller borrowers, undermining the building societies' practice of charging more to bigger borrowers. By 1981, they had picked up more than 20 per cent of the mortgage market.

But the enthusiasm of the borrowing public took the banks by surprise. They lent more than expected and had to withdraw to catch their breath. By 1984 they had adopted a more systematic approach.

They had also noticed that home loans produced all sorts of profitable spin-off business, such as life and property insurance, and helped to consolidate their hold over their clients. "It was an important step to providing a full range of financial services to our customers", says Peter Seymour of National Westminster, the largest mortgage lender among the banks.

Foreign banks, notably from Japan, France and West Germany, have also been attracted by the high returns. Lacking a retail branch network they have elbowed in through syndicated loans arranged by institutions such as the Bank of Scotland, which

then lends money to home-buyers.

Even more noticeable are US and Canadian lenders such as Citibank, Chemical Bank, Salomon Brothers and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Their motives are mixed. High returns are again the main incentive, but Citibank is also keen to establish a retail banking presence in Britain and sees mortgages as one way in.

Whether this bonanza will last forever is another question. The fierce competition over the past year has already cut down significantly the amount of profit which lenders can make on the business. Mark Boleat, deputy secretary general of the BSA, says: "Profits have already sunk as low as they can go without lenders actually losing money on mortgage business."

The effect of this could be to reverse the influx of new lenders. "If interest rates continue to fall, making it even harder to make profits, many lenders will withdraw", says John Bayliss, the general manager of Abbey National.

Lower profits are unlikely to deter the clearing banks, though. Mortgages have become an integral part of their ordinary business and to pull out of the market would be a blow to their customer relations.

In the meantime, is this orgy of lending turning us into a nation of bankrupts? The British have always been more conscientious than most about repaying home loans, but the number of houses repossessed has more than doubled in the past two years - from about 0.12 per cent to 0.25 per cent of all home loans. Last year 17,000 families and individuals lost their homes. The number of repayments in arrears also doubled.

"We are worried that people are being encouraged to buy without being told about the full costs", says Betty Thomas, chief research officer for the National Consumer Council. "The problem is compounded by home ownership being pushed down the income scale, helped by the existence of special offers. It is often council house buyers who are worst affected."

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

CONCISE CROSSWORD No 946

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- Galapagos lizard (6)
- Gregarious (6)
- Yuletide consort (3)
- Ruffie (6)
- Stivvy (6)
- Covered walk (4)
- Not black piebird (9)
- Leas (6)
- Strong smell (6)
- Polyester skirt (8)
- Creeasy (4)
- Gross overcharge (3)
- Show clearly (6)
- Sick (3)
- Grammar (6)
- Annual (6)

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- Four penny coin (5)
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- Bested fable (3)
- Heavily (7)
- Cleverness (3)
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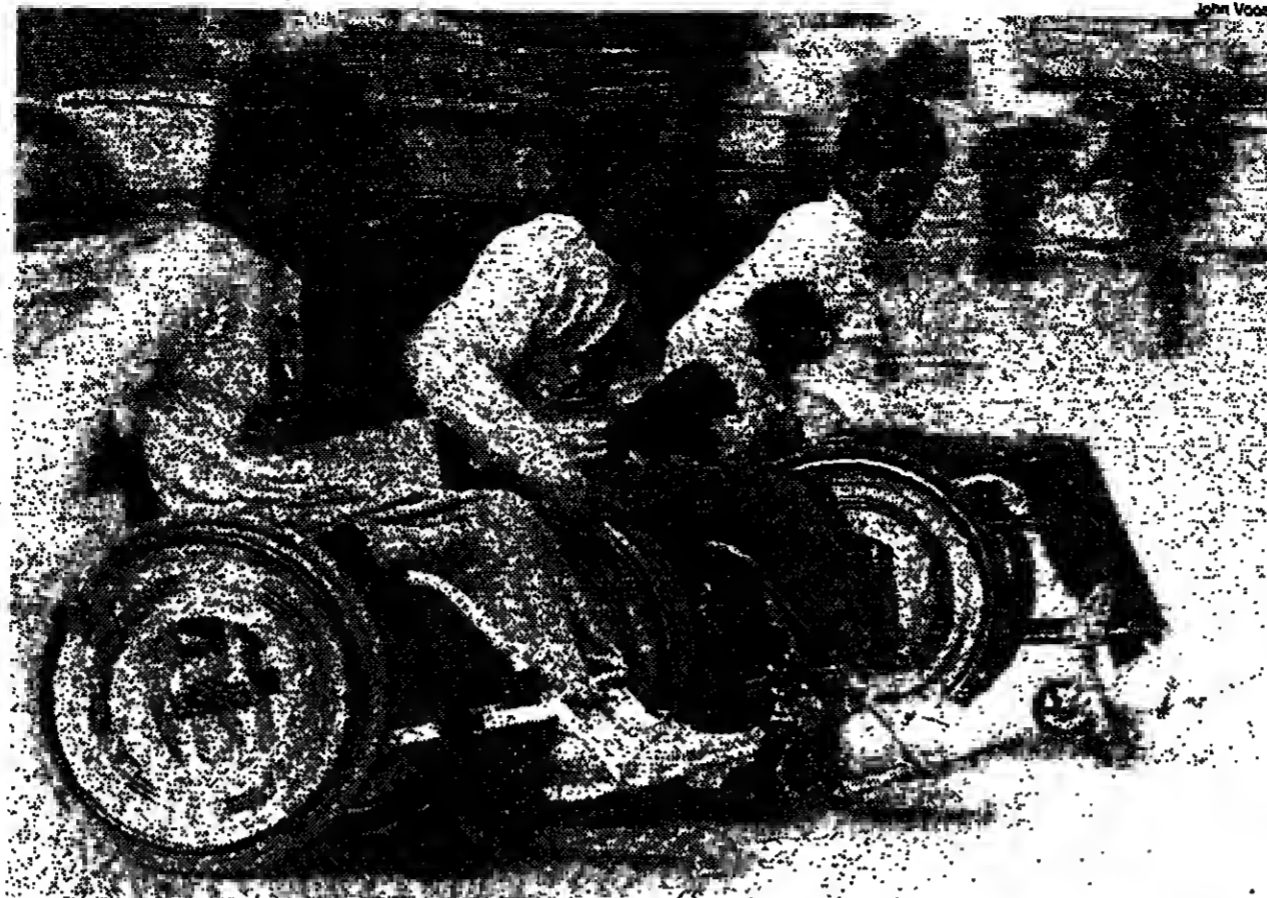
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Three young men will venture out in wheelchairs next week on a journey from John o'Groats to Land's End. They will raise funds for research that may allow them one day to walk again. Libby Purves reports

Raising hopes for the big push

When you are dealing with paraplegics or quadriplegics the one possibility you over-motivate is that they might walk again. You talk of better wheelchairs and specially adapted cars, and a high proportion of them are young, sporting and motor accidents, military and violent incidents, have increased the numbers of spinal cord injuries in the world. Victims come to terms, sometimes magnificently, with what has happened; but they are not encouraged to hope.

are so that wheelchair for life, and must learn to live with it. Nobody, so far, can mend the living spine. People who are otherwise perfectly healthy have to sit in wheelchairs all their lives, and a high proportion of them are young, sporting and motor accidents, military and violent incidents, have increased the numbers of spinal cord injuries in the world. Victims come to terms, sometimes magnificently, with what has happened; but they are not encouraged to hope.



Defiant dare: (from left) Danny Aykroyd, Simon Barnes with Dylan the dog, and Andy Haynes ready for a seven-week trip

take seven weeks, and wear out a dozen wheels. They have ultra-light sports chairs which will top 30mph downhill, and tough track models for mountains and rough roads. They plan to cover up to 36 miles a day, with only one day off a week.

suppose it may be safer to walk. It is a wonderful piece of bravado: a young man's defiant dare. Simon is 22, a commodity broker, an ex-Territorial Red Beret paratrooper who fell on an obstacle course. Andy Haynes is 21, a building labourer who had a motorcycle accident. Danny Aykroyd is 23, a top-grade gymnast. When a tyre blew out on his car, he emerged from the crash unmarked but with a spinal lesion. John Hick, who is masterminding this "Great British Push", is 30, another car victim; he was a British Army officer.

A THOUSAND MILES IN A WHEELCHAIR

Day	From	To	Daily miles	Total miles
MAY 14	John o'Groats	Latheron	35	35
15	Latheron	Helmsdale	20	55
16	Helmsdale	Golspie	17	72
17	Golspie	Ardgay	27	99
18	Ardgay	Alness	25	124
19	Alness	Inverness	17	142
20	Inverness	Aviemore	32	174
21	Aviemore	Dalnwhinnie	28	202
22	Dalnwhinnie	Pitlochry	41	243
23	Pitlochry	Perth	27	270
24	Perth	Kinross	18	288
25	Kinross	Edinburgh	27	315
26	Edinburgh	Gala Hills	37	352
27	Gala Hills	Mossdale Inn	30	382
28	Mossdale Inn	Carlisle	31	413
29	Carlisle	Shep	29	442
30	Shep	Lancaster	31	473
JUNE 1	Lancaster	Blackpool	27	499
2	Blackpool	Southport	36	534
3	Southport	Liverpool	22	556
4	Liverpool	Wrexham	35	591
5	Wrexham	Oswestry	15	606
6	Oswestry	Shrewsbury	19	625
7	Shrewsbury	West Bromwich	38	663
8	West Bromwich	Worcester	20	683
9	Worcester	Malvern	10	693
10	Malvern	Cheltenham	27	720
11	Cheltenham	Oxford	40	760
12	Oxford	Newbury	32	792
13	Newbury	Salisbury	38	830
14	Salisbury	Bournemouth	28	858
15	Bournemouth	Weymouth	35	893
16	Weymouth	Bridport	20	913
17	Bridport	Exeter	40	953
18	Exeter	Torquay	25	978
19	Torquay	Plymouth	38	1016
20	Plymouth	Liskeard	20	1036
21	Liskeard	Bodmin	13	1049
22	Bodmin	Summarcourt	15	1064
23	Summarcourt	Fleetham	15	1079
24	Fleetham	Radwith	27	1106
25	Radwith	Land's End	27	1133



They intend to make the return journey on foot. As for the eventual treatment, the closest parallel is skin-grafting: cells are taken from one part of the patient's body, grown (and in this case altered by genetic engineering), and replaced to help another part.

Dr Raisman wants five years to decide whether the system is feasible; more time thereafter for development. Despite one large individual donation, it is only fundraising which will keep the research imperus going for that crucial five years; although one suspects that once Dr Raisman's case is proved, there would be so much world interest that development money would be easy to get. It is, after all, "a cure for the whole world, and for all time; and it applies to other diseases of the central nervous system, as well as paraplegia".

Healthier care on the cards

Some patients in South Wales are to carry special "credit cards". Three thousand people who attend the doctor's surgery at Rhydyfelin, near Pontypridd, are to take part in a Department of Health funded study of personal computerized records as a means of improving patient care.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The link between smoking and bowel disease is backed by other evidence and must now be considered established. He is more cautious about the link with the Pill but says (presumably because of the Pill's known vascular effects) it could suggest that Crohn's disease is caused by a vascular problem.

Smokers may run a decreased risk of getting ulcerative colitis but they are more likely than non-smokers to develop Crohn's disease, another form of inflammatory bowel disease, according to a major study that has just been published. It also provides evidence, though not conclusive, that there may be an association between the contraceptive pill and bowel disease.

The Oxford Family Planning Association contraceptive study has followed over 17,000 women since it began in 1968, and the organizers decided to see what their data could reveal about bowel disease.

Findings just published in the British Medical Journal show that in any one year 0.17 per thousand women non-smokers would get ulcerative colitis when they joined the study but only 0.11 per thousand smokers would. The picture was the reverse for Crohn's disease however: the incidences were 0.05 per thousand women a year in non-smokers but 0.17 per thousand women in smokers.

All in the bag

Anyone who has shopped in an American supermarket will probably have cursed the way that they pile groceries into strong brown paper bags without handles, so that goods have to be clutched to the chest instead of carried in plastic bags that can be held three or four at a time.

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It's happening in Monterrey
Mexico can't help being in the limelight. Financial tremors over her international debts were quickly followed by a devastating, headline-grabbing earthquake, a matter of months before the arrival of the world's footballers and their attendant circus. But in rural Mexico, Alan Franks found towns of splendid colonial architecture, unspoiled by modern cares. Monterrey, England's World Cup base, is a civilized city set in peaceful countryside surrounded by the sierras. Next month, it's all happening...

Restoration comedy
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The old girls' network

Businesswomen in the US have found their own way of making contacts

Lunch hour in Boston, Massachusetts, and the skyscrapers disgorge their load of office workers into the midday sun.

Picking their way across dockland debris in their designer shoes, a group of sleekly dressed women home in on a mock-up railway carriage marked Victoria Station. Purveyor of Prime Rib and Potable Spirits, beside, they dive into the coily-named ladies' waiting room to touch up their image and sales pitch before signing up for a business lunch with a difference: quiche or chicken teriyaki and coffee, with not a gazpacho or potable spirit in sight. The emphasis is firmly on the business—a strictly-regimented hour and a quarter of it.

This is the weekly meeting of the Leads Club for Successful Oriented People, one of a growing number of exclusive clubs designed to help women make their own connections in a man's world. "Networking" is the name of the game—old girls' networks, that is.

Barbara Brown, importer of sculptured radiators and co-ordinator of the Leads Club Boston Chapter, takes her place at the head of the table on the stroke of noon. Introductions are made and each of the dozen or so members and their guests gives a 30-second self-promotion. Then it is down to the weekly "lead exchange", a ritual shuffling of pieces of paper bearing names and telephone numbers. Every week, each member is supposed to bring at least two

exclusive rights in their field, and an average increase in business of some 16 per cent.

All Lassen, who founded the first Leads Club in Orange County, California, in 1978 sees it, simply as a cost-effective form of advertising.

"They know that they spend one hour 15 minutes each week as an investment," she says. "We figure that each person has a lead potential value of 250 leads. With a full chapter that's 7,500 leads—and that's, just first generation."

Back at Victoria Station, members are divided on the benefits. A lawyer specializing in pre-nuptial agreements says her firm is getting increasingly unwilling to pay up each week without some more tangible result. Others—including an insurance agent who claims to have netted \$1,000-worth of business—are happier.

In fact, men themselves are oozing casting glances at the women's networks as an alternative to the squash-court board meeting and the bar-room business deal. All Lassen is developing men-only Contact Clubs—at their own request.

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Collusion course

South Africa is more serious than it is prepared to admit about the attempts by the Commonwealth...

Finesse

David Owen's Commons motion congratulating his local soccer team, Plymouth Argyle...



Knowing Arthur, he'll claim it as a victory

Model Manny

Portrait painter Waldron West, who decided nearly two years ago that he wanted Lord Shinwell as a subject...

Master stroke

Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, was so upset at the theft of his eight-year-old yellow Mini (YUV 41T)...

Generosity

Labour's candidate in Ryedale, Shirley Haines, seemed to have developed an ambivalent attitude to victory...

Bumpy rides

For the third time in recent years Mrs Thatcher's arrival in a country has coincided with an earthquake...

Overtaxed

Talk about being tied up. A London accountant, anxious to sort out a client's urgent tax matters...

PHS

During the last 50 years there has been a steady rise in violent crime in Britain...

Some of this rise is no doubt due to the increased reporting and recording of offences...

Crimes in Britain seems to have followed a rough U curve over time. Britain in 1900 was not only a much less violent and dishonest society...

This trend applies to many other European countries, notably Sweden, a country that escaped the disruptive effects of war.

The strange death of moral England

by Christie Davies

Illegitimacy or the misuse of drugs and alcohol show a similar pattern. What we are witnessing is the growth, maturity and strange death of respectable England...

One of the few present-day parallels with the Britain of a century ago is Switzerland, where the intensely local character of social organization...

In Britain the growth in state power has resulted in large and impersonal schools and police forces with no moral authority.

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Some believe that there has been no growth in crime and that concern for personal safety is merely panic sustained and created by television and newspapers.

(along with racial attacks) been firmly removed from the list of crimes that can be the subject of a moral panic...

The concept of mass panic is frequently used to understand the view that crime has worsened, implying that there is a universal and erroneous tendency to believe in a moral decline from past virtues...

The author is Professor of Sociology at the University of Reading.

Richard Ford analyses the Protestant-Catholic numbers game

Mapping out a new Ulster

While Unionists remain confident of a majority in any poll on a united Ireland in the near future, shifts of population and uncertainty about what may happen in the event of the Anglo-Irish agreement...

Protestants in predominantly Roman Catholic areas bordering the Republic fear that Unionist politicians in the east of the province would be prepared to abandon them in the interest of holding a smaller but more homogeneous Protestant area.

That increased mutual suspicion has produced a shift of the two populations which may not have been intended by either side but which may have profound political implications.

Past projections based on birth and death rates between 1961-66 seemed to suggest the inevitability of a Roman Catholic majority within the foreseeable future...

In any discussion on repartition the River Bann, with a growing Roman Catholic majority to the west and the east overwhelmingly Protestant, is frequently taken as the prospective new border.

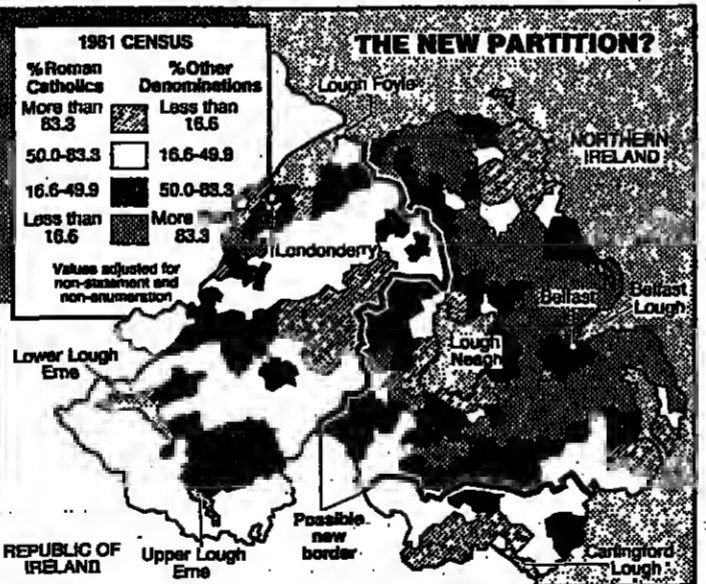
A study of the province's 26 district councils by Compton and a colleague, John Power, shows a drop from 17 to 15 in the number with Protestant majorities and a corresponding increase from nine to 11 of those with a Roman Catholic majority.

In the years 1971-1981, the Belfast area witnessed a decline in Roman Catholics and a rapid increase in Protestants; there was a dramatic fall in the small number of Catholics living in Larne, Castleragh and other Protestant areas.

But any attempt to redraw the border by using the crude line of the River Bann, giving predominantly Roman Catholic areas west of it to the Republic, would be fraught with danger.

Repartition would be offensive to nationalists, anger the Unionists — with their "not an inch" mentality — and would encourage the terrorists into thinking they could drive the British from the island entirely.

It is doubtful that a smaller province would prove economically more viable than the present six counties, although it would have a shorter border to defend and would be culturally more homogeneous.



Jonathan Mirsky examines a by-product of China's modernization programme

An open door to crime

Violent crime is emerging as one of the consequences of China's post-Mao economic reforms. For some Chinese, the temptations and strains of the new emphasis on money and self-reliance are too great...

Behind the statistical bias lies a grim truth: the new economic policies have contributed to social unrest, instability and violence. The party has laid down that getting rich fast is good form, and that inequalities between rich and poor stimulates modernization.

corruption and wheeling and dealing have become widespread — and are increasingly enforced by murder and assault. In the countryside, for instance, communes have disappeared and the family or small co-operative must secure its own welfare.

But one group stands out as particularly violent: the urban unemployed. These are usually badly educated young men, disillusioned and warped by the prevailing sleaze and corruption, who have turned to murder, rape and armed robbery.

David Watt

Queen Kong conquers

Talking to an American friend about the Tokyo summit meeting this week, I asked what he thought of Mrs Thatcher's remarkable performance. "I guess the lady kind of went ape," he replied.

This is not just rationalization after the event. The British delegation went to Japan with a decided view that the top priority was to try, first, to repair some of the damage to the Western alliance...

In the end Mrs Thatcher can congratulate herself that she has bullied everyone into approving a declaration that strikes about the right note. It soothingly supports the Americans in their delusion that so-called "terrorist states" (as opposed to freelance terrorist groups) are the main problem...

For the moment, appearance is enough to give everyone a breathing space. President Reagan and his advisers can get on with protecting their installations and their citizens without having to test the Europeans' loyalty all the time.

Consider the debt and credit balance of the affair from the point of view of the British government, moreover... Miles Kington

moreover... Miles Kington

Decibels that have a point

Today's noise pollution is tomorrow's nostalgia. That's the belief of Maurice Cowley, a sound freak who has been collecting noises for as long as he can remember.

He is doubtful that a smaller province would prove economically more viable than the present six counties, although it would have a shorter border to defend and would be culturally more homogeneous.

One of the sounds in his collection, for instance, is a thud, followed by a groan, followed by a click. It sounds familiar, but you can't put a name to it until he explains that it's a car seat-belt. You pull the seat-belt down to fasten it, too quickly, so the inertia acts and it jams halfway across your chest.

One of the sounds he is proudest of capturing is British Rock crockery, vibrating at high speed. "I was sitting having breakfast on the way to Bristol one day when I became aware of this very fast clicking noise. It came from my cup and saucer. You know how it is when the cup is not quite centred in the saucer, and the speed of the train causes them to chatter against each other? Again, a basic noise, but you have to spot it first and then get it on tape. There's another noise very like it. Know what it is?"

People leave wine and whisky bottles on a fridge, two of them touch, and when the fridge comes on, they make this highly evocative chattering noise, a bit like glass monkeys talking. There's another noise which is a bit like electronic monkeys chattering, and that's the noise they put in pedestrian crossings for blind people who can't see the green light.

Of course, blind people are very sensitive to sound. It was a blind friend who first alerted me to the sound of tissue boxes. You know those perforated tops to tissue boxes? Well, when you're tearing them off, you can actually hear the difference in sound as you stop tearing the perforation and start tearing the box itself, because the tops never come away cleanly. It goes from a fast clicking to the sound of rumbust trailing.

Other sounds in Maurice's collection are the slapping of shrouds against aluminium yacht masts, the musical tinkle of sea-folding being dismantled, the fitted off-station radios pre-occupied by seafaring workers, the unearthly "boring" noise which precedes air traffic announcements, the whirring noise with which car park tickets are dispensed, the singing of tyres on the Severn Bridge, a burglar alarm two streets away, and the dying bell-like noises made by some car-tyre compressed air machines — "not unlike the bell noise of old-style American railway crossings", says Maurice.

When I last saw Maurice he was recording a car. More precisely, he was recording the high-pitched squealing noise made by wind-screen wipers left going after the rain has stopped falling. To me it is agony, but to Maurice it is a kind of poetry. But then Maurice, in his own way, is a kind of poet.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

MAY 9 1850

From 1823 art exhibitions were noticed in The Times. In the second half of the 19th century the Royal Academy's annual exhibition was often accorded two, sometimes three, or even four notices.

THE EXHIBITION OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY. THIRD NOTICE

... In England more especially the tendency and the gifts of our leading painters, encouraged by the taste of the public, have conducted to exuberance of colour and boldness of effect; and the efforts which now remain, founded especially on the principles of the Tuscan schools, have the merit of novelty, careful study, and a desire to raise the character of the English school for purity and correctness.

Perhaps it is in this place that we may most fitly advert to the work of Mr. Poole. "The Messenger announcing to Job the irruption of the Sabaeans" (389), but it lends us from the purer regions in which we have just been treading to a conventional and unattractive style for which we can entertain little sympathy.

The same remembrance may be addressed with greater force to Mr. Millais and his imitators, who are attempting to engrave themselves on the widest and most uncouth productions of the early German school with a marked affectation of indifference to everything we are accustomed to seek and to admire.

Mailed list

From Mr Jeffrey Bates Sir, Contemplating the picture in your columns today of the new stamps commemorating Domesday Book I wonder if we should draw any particular conclusion from the fact that the 31p stamp, which will mainly be used on letters to America, shows a martial figure leading his troops across a marshy plain to the land.

A spring bouquet

From Sir John Curtis Sir, May 1, through the columns of your newspaper, offer my thanks and congratulations to the Royal Parks Superintendent and all his team of gardeners for the magnificent display we have been treated to this spring.

Relaxing curb on dog owners

From Mr David Green Sir, The Government is to discontinue the imposition of the dog licence. Its reason for so doing is understandable in that it is extremely uneconomic to collect and subject to large scale evasion.

From Mr Tony Peterkin Sir, In general terms I am opposed to increases in legislative restrictions on the individual, but I am most concerned by reports that the Government intends to abolish the dog licence.

From Mrs Carole Ryley Sir, As an avid dog lover I was very disappointed at the scrapping of the dog licence. I cannot see the reasoning for this.

From Mr Julian Hartnoll Sir, Your correspondent's report (May 7) of the dispute concerning St John's Lodge and its proposed use by Mr Frederick Koch as a centre for the study of Victorian art quotes Mr Gavin Stamp's doubts about the quality and extent of the collection.

From Dr R. Russell Jones Sir, The conflicting statements issued by Government ministers on the likely health effects of the Chernobyl disaster reveal a basic misunderstanding about the effects of ionising radiation at low levels of exposure.

Education challenge From the Editor of The Times Educational Supplement Sir, In attacking the IEA and the dangers of political indoctrination in school Roger Scruton (May 6) chose to attribute all his pet hates to "the para-educational establishment" - a figure of his imagination which managed to take in local government, the colleges of education and The Times Educational Supplement.

Proms at the Garden From Mr E. J. Dennis-Browne Sir, What a splendid event is the week of Midland Bank opera proms at the Royal Opera House.

GCSE standards From the Secretary to the Joint Matriculation Board Sir, It is a pity that in her admirable summary of the new GCSE examination ("Countdown" to a classroom revolution), April 25) Lucy Hodges repeats an ill-founded myth cherished by educational journalists.

Manny for all seasons From the Director General of Help the Aged Sir, In the Mermaid Theatre, back in September, as Lord Shinwell was launching our Lifetime scheme for isolated, elderly people, he bent to speak to a deaf 90-year-old lady, seated in the front row.

Wrangle over a mansion for art

From the Secretary of Save Britain's Heritage Sir, Mr Fred Koch's aims in proposing to turn St John's Lodge, Regent's Park into a study centre for the art of the 19th century (report, May 7) are praiseworthy. Though, in contrast to the Soane Museum, the house would be only rarely open to the public, it would provide London with an important new amenity.

From Mr M. E. G. Ling Sir, It is said that electricity generated in nuclear power stations is cheaper than that generated by other means.

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PRIDE AND PRIVILEGE

"We hold ourselves responsible not to Lord Derby or the House of Lords, but to the people of England, for the accuracy and fitness of that which we think proper to publish. Whatever we consider to be injurious to the public interests, it is our duty to withhold; but we ourselves and the public at large are quite as good judges on that point as the leader of the Opposition...."

"According to the undoubted privileges of this House, and for the due protection of the public interest, the Evidence taken by any Select Committee of this House, and Documents presented to such Committee, and which have not been reported to the House, ought not to be published by any Member of such Committee, or by any person."

At some time in the near future the whole House will have to vote on which of these two venerable precepts can make the greatest contribution to good government in Britain in the last quarter of the twentieth century.

best inform- its readers.

There will always be friction between a free press and institutions which want to control or censor the flow of news. There is constant tension between the press and the executive branch of government in Whitehall.

The advent in 1979 of a new generation of investigating committees was widely welcomed, not least by newspapers which saw in them friends and accomplices. The Times appointed a reporter to give special full-time coverage to the new committees.

Amongst the stated reasons for the Privilege Committee's decision are the alleged impact that the leak had upon the subsequent deliberations of the Environment Committee, on the way that party political considerations "which we had so far avoided" began to creep in after the Times report had been published.

member who is a genuine and diligent seeker after truth, is he really to be deflected from his aim by the occasional shaft of daylight upon his deliberations? And if he is so easily deflected, is he in the right job? The fact that the subject of the report in question was nuclear safety is merely an added irony in the aftermath of Chernobyl.

If Committee deliberations satisfy criteria of public interest, what they do deserves reporting, and no attempt to censor information about them will deter the able reporter. Unless the reporter's editor considers the information unsuitable for publication (on grounds of his own perception of commercial confidentiality, national security or whatever) no attempt to censor it will succeed.

It is not for reporters or their editors to weigh up niceties of confidentiality or fair dealings in Committee rooms: those are private tasks for Committee chairmen and their members. Provided information is got cleanly, without bribery or subterfuge, it should be open to publicity. To punish a newspaper or a reporter for that is either to mistake the nature of the press or, worse, to make an individual or his newspaper the scapegoat for an institutional breakdown.

It is argued that, by convention, the lobby reporter is a "guest" of Parliament. That is indeed so. But it is a convention that has worn thin. Journalists are in Parliament within a 200 year old tradition of reporting the activities of the legislature to the people.

MR REAGAN'S PREDICAMENT

President Reagan returned from his modest success at the Tokyo summit to a warm welcome from his Cabinet and a cold reminder from Congress that politics continues as normal.

Such lopsided figures strongly suggest that Mr Reagan cannot make good on his earlier threat to push the sale through over Congress's opposition. He needs the support of one-third of one House to veto the Congressional resolution.

That has a number of international implications - not least that Britain may be able to snap up a profitable arms contract abandoned by Congress. It also points up a curious paradox of domestic American politics: namely, that a uniquely popular President finds himself and some of his most important policies continually stymied by what is, in effect, a Congressional veto.

Another area where until now this has happened is in policy towards Nicaragua. Despite a major lobbying effort by the White House, Mr Reagan's advocacy of military aid to the Contras was rejected narrowly by the lower House last month.

vote against military aid) to vote for a compromise measure.

Oklahoma Congressman Dave McCurdy has proposed that in the first instance humanitarian aid should be granted to the Nicaraguan rebels, and a decision on military aid postponed for 45 days to enable negotiations to proceed.

Even if he loses that vote, however, he will have been defeated on what is essentially a side-issue of his Presidency - something that is noteworthy because he regards it as such rather than because of its intrinsic importance.

And last week the Senate passed by 70 votes to 25 a budget resolution of over one trillion dollars that ignored Mr Reagan's initial budget proposal and indeed reversed many of its priorities. It contained, from the White House perspective, no significant cuts in domestic spending; it proposed a defence budget that cut \$10 billion from Mr Reagan's figure; and it defied the President's oft-repeated opposition to raising taxes by suggesting \$10-12 billion in new tax revenue for the coming fiscal year and \$40 billion over three years.

The "courage" of the Senate in proposing new taxes in an election year must be heavily qualified by the observation that they have refrained from specifying the source of this

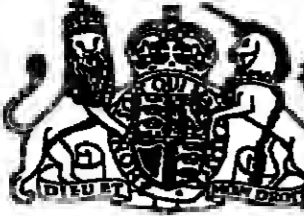
new revenue. They have merely announced that they will raise \$10-12 billion somehow. But the political consequences of this act are likely to be considerable.

The Democrat-controlled House, nervous of being the first to propose taxes in an election year, will now be able to increase the Senate's tax proposal more than somewhat and yet claim to the voters that it has done no more than refine a Republican tax hike.

Mr Reagan is often thought to be an intransigent figure in politics. On a few very carefully selected issues - notably the decision to proceed with a "Star Wars" missile defence - that reputation has some basis in fact. In most political disputes, however, he acts upon the maxim that the US government must be carried on. In the process, he frequently obtains more than half a loaf. His plan for tax reform, for instance, only recently regarded as beckoned indefinitely, has just emerged from the Senate Finance Committee with a top tax rate of 27 per cent - almost one third of its level when Mr Reagan came into office and as near to the American conservative dream of a "flat tax" as is practicable in the real world.

In dealing with the Senate's budget proposal, however, the President now must decide whether it is an issue for compromise or for defending his own vision of proper budgetary priorities. Will he impose on a divided administration the decision to continue opposing any and every tax increase? And if he does, will he be able to sustain that decision over Congressional opposition? The final test of the Reagan revolution is about to start.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 8: The Queen arrived at Stoke-on-Trent Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Staffordshire (Sir Arthur Stoddart)...

Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Mrs Richard Carow Pole was in attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE May 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by the Princess Margaret...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Kay and Miss H.J. Hawkins The engagement is announced between William, second son of the late Mr W. Kay and of Mrs P. Kay, of Drove, Worcester...

OBITUARY LORD SHINWELL Veteran of the socialist cause



Lord Shinwell, CH, PC, the elder statesman of the Labour Party who was held in great affection by political foes and friends alike, died yesterday, aged 101.

In 1955, he left the Shadow Cabinet and moved to the back benches. In the same year, he published his autobiography, Conflict Without Malice.

Meeting

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Service luncheon

RNC Dartmouth Greyville Term 1926-1929 Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeaton presided at a luncheon held at the Naval and Military Club yesterday to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the RNC Dartmouth Greyville Term 1926-1929...

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Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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Birthdays today

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Reception

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St Anne's School, Windermer

Members of the St Anne's Association of St Anne's School, Windermer, are reminded that the triennial reunion will take place at school on Saturday, May 17, 1966, commencing at noon.

Reed's School

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Latest wills

Mr John Richard Knowles, of College Avenue, Scarborough, farmer, breeder and exhibitor of highland cattle, and a former medium-hus bowler and leading batsman with Scarborough and York Cricket Clubs, left estate valued at £1,056,838 net.

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Mr James Guinness to be reappointed chairman of the Public Works Loan Commission, Mrs Vera Di Palma, and Mr Peter Brockfield to be reappointed commissioners.

THE ARTS

Television Lovable unreality

Liverpool seems to have replaced Ireland as the mythical home of lovable rogues...

The idea that family conquers all also lies behind The Brothers McGregor...

Both series are shot on location, and make much of characteristic Liverpool...

Celia Brayfield

Theatre Devotion in drag

La Cage aux folles Palladium

Indulging in the pleasure of hindsight, I suspect that one reason for the huge Broadway success of Harvey Fierstein's...

The show has given thousands of people a good night out and must...

Arthur Laurents, its director, was speaking no more than the truth when he described it as an old-fashioned show...

They are there simply to provoke a crisis between their homosexual elders...

If you go along with that, the picture emerges of two devoted partners identical in all respects to ordinary parents...

I admired a good deal of Mr Fierstein's Torch Song Trilogy but it is hard to find anything to admire in his book for this piece...

The power of the show - which is considerable when it does appear - resides in the big production numbers...

Irving Wardle

The Capelles chorus-line supply the expected quota of teasing glamour...

The grandmothers have taken on her daughter's daughter, Laurel, after the latter experienced (or, as we later learn, fantasized) a sexual assault...

Nothing appealing except her insolent independence: Sandrine Bonnaire's uncompromising portrait of Mona in Vagabonde



Truthful marital details: George Hearn (centre) and Denis Quilley (right) with Jonathan Morris in La Cage aux folles

The Chalk Garden Chichester

Interviewed by John Higgins 15 years ago, Enid Bagnold denied that this, her most regarded play, had become a period piece...

Against all this, the universal theme of thwarted affection and unreal redemption emerges from the crucible of a large house in Sussex...

By default, the job goes to Dorothy Tutin as a buttoned-up and almost saintly figure dripping enigma...

seen to best advantage in the opening scenes which establish a routine and pretty dogged light-comedy portrait of a country house beset by domestic crises...

Martin Cropper

Cinema Penetrating vision of despairing alienation

Vagabonde (15) Renoir, Minema

Love Letters (18) Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Billy the Kid and the Green Baize Vampire (15) Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Agnes Varda is not a prolific director. She has made only seven pictures in the 31 years since La Pointe Courte...

female portrait, like Cleo de 5 a 7, Le Bonheur and L'Une chante, l'autre pas...

Each gives his version, uncontrived, uninvolved. Some, it seems, briefly befriended her. Some tried to employ her, some sought to exploit her...



Nothing appealing except her insolent independence: Sandrine Bonnaire's uncompromising portrait of Mona in Vagabonde

nothing appealing about Mona, except her insolent independence. She is guarded and secretive. In a rare communicative moment she says she wanted to escape life as a shorthand typist...

whose lives she casually invades. The shaky freedom which is all she possesses in various ways attracts or challenges them...

plight forces them to question their own lives. In shooting, Varda allowed the story to take its own natural course...

Amy Jones is a younger woman director from America. Having produced her debut film, Slumber Party Massacre...

Jamie Lee Curtis (revealing talents not evident in her days as the screaming victim of teenage horror pictures) plays a 22-year-old career woman who falls in love with a 40-year-old happily married man...

David Robinson

LPO/Tennstedt Festival Hall

It was the birthday of Johannes Brahms, and a concert fit for the fitting Klaus Tennstedt was the man who made it so...

There was little time, even when Brahms would have perhaps rather liked it, to stand and stare in Wednesday night's Fourth Symphony...

Concerts Hilary Finch

on the perfectly balanced triumph of its orchestral introduction to develop a performing profile of his own...

Hague PO/ Lombard Barbican

A changeabout of most of the players in the Hague Philharmonic Orchestra between the first and second items of their programme on Wednesday night gave everybody a chance to play themselves in, as well as a breather...

Jones and Zane Sadler's Wells

Problem: how can a work commissioned and already performed by another company be a preview when given by Bill T. Jones, Arnie Zane and Company at Sadler's Wells this week?

He took Beethoven's Eighth Symphony all too seriously at the start of the programme, before the visitors had fully taken the measure of an unfamiliar hall in terms of balance...

Dance John Percival

bodies into harmonious or counterpointing patterns, at first on opposite sides of the stage, later both of them balanced on a small central pedestal...

Kibbutz Dance Company The Place

Since 1979 the Kibbutz Dance Company must have become our most frequent visitor among dance troupes...

Music-theatre Mass Guildhall School

Bernstein's Mass exposes itself so utterly one wants to give it a big hug and tell it to go away and grow up, not criticize it...

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

The Blockbuster MGM Musical now on Stage! SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS. "TOE-TAPPING GOOD!"

MUSIC THEATRE

In an age when such things are not done what may we know, say, of Elliot Carter's soul? Bernstein appears before us not only in all the sentimental externals of his self-indulgence...

PERKS OF A STAG NIGHT

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SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS TOE-TAPPING GOOD! PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE

A life which spanned a century of radical change



1908 Mrs Pankhurst arrested during a suffragette demonstration.



1914 The first known picture taken.



1919 Manly Shinwell is on the far left in the dock during a trial in Glasgow when he was charged with inciting a riot and later jailed for five and a half months.



1922 When he first became an MP.

By Paul Valley

The Jewish State and the Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel instituted the eponymous prizes for achievement by way of compensation for his other legacy to the world — the invention of dynamite.

Seven years later when Shinwell, who as an apprentice had waved flags in the street to cheer men on to the Boer War, married his first wife and joined the Independent Labour Party (the political and technological advances were continuing with equal impetus).

By the time Shinwell was 21 the theory of relativity had been formulated and the zip fastener was invented.

Shinwell's first excursion into practical politics was in 1914 when he organized the Clydeside dock strike. His work in the docks earned him service in the First World War.

In 1919, at the age of 35, he was imprisoned for five and a half months on charges of inciting a riot. In Germany and Italy Fascist parties were formed that year.

Ernauld Shinwell was first elected to Parliament in 1922, the year in which the Tories won the general election and Labour eclipsed the Liberals as the opposition.

Two years later, aged 40, he became Minister of Mines in the first Labour government.

He was re-elected in 1928, the year in which women got the vote. The following year Shinwell became financial secretary to the War Office. It



1936 Sir Oswald Mosley and his Black Shirts were gaining attention and growing in strength.



1947 Moving to the War Office.



1979 Mrs Thatcher is Prime Minister.



1984 Celebrating his centenary.

was the year Wall Street collapsed.

When Ramsay MacDonald went into coalition in the National Government to maintain his premiership, Shinwell sided with the bulk of the Labour Party which refused allegiance.

Shinwell was 51 in 1935 when he stood against MacDonald, defeated the prime minister and then held his constituency of Seaham for the next 35 years. Baldwin became Prime Minister, Italy invaded Ethiopia, the Germans reintroduced conscription and introduced the Jews.

When war broke out Churchill offered Shinwell a post in the War Cabinet as Minister of Food. Shinwell, ever the rebel, decided to remain a member of the opposition.

The last year of the war brought a new Labour government in which Shinwell became Minister of Fuel. It was a new age. Family allowances and the birth of the modern education system were introduced. So was the Cold War.

Under Shinwell the mines were nationalized. But in 1947, the year of the first supersonic flight, he was forced from office after a series of contradictory statements to the Commons over the coal shortage in that most severe of winters. He moved to the War Office and also became Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

In 1950, the year the Korean War began and Russia was busy testing nuclear bombs, he became at the age of 66 Minister of Defence.

Steel was nationalized just before Labour lost office in 1951. From then on Shinwell began to speak increasingly strongly against the nuclear deterrent. In 1960, the year Holy Loch became the British base for US Polaris missiles,

he warned Hugh Gaitskell that the issue would split the Labour Party.

But in opposition Shinwell's political influence diminished. In 1955, the year that Churchill resigned, he retired to the backbenches.

Manly Shinwell was 80 in 1964 when Harold Wilson was elected Prime Minister with a majority of four and Shinwell became a crafty and authoritarian chairman of the parliamentary party. He resigned the post in 1967. He was angry that the Labour government had begun overtures to enter the Common Market which he vehemently opposed.

He was made a Life Peer at the age of 86 in 1970 when the first Russian spacecraft landed on the moon. Well into his nineties he remained a fully active member of the House of Lords and as late as 1979 — the year in which Britain elected its first woman prime minister — he was seen to stay up until the dawn for an all-night sitting.

Maintaining his independent spirit to the end he resigned the Labour Whip in 1982 over the growth of Left-wing militancy in the party.

It is now almost two years since he celebrated his one hundredth birthday in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. Much of the conversation was about the miners' strike, led by Arthur Scargill, which was then at its height.

The echoes resonated back about 60 years to the speech Shinwell made to the miners during the General Strike in 1926.

In the Shinwell's century, so much had changed, and so little.

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Today's events

Royal engagements
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opens Bible House, the headquarters of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Swindon, 3.45

Princess Anne attends Queen Mary College, thanksgiving service, St Michael's, Cornhill, EC3, 5.30; and later attends a reception, Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Ave, EC2, 6.40

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, visits Trinity - The Hospice in the Fylde, Bisham, Blackpool, 12.45; and later visits St Wilfred, Home for Retired Priests, Blackpool, 2.30; then, as Patron, the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, she opens the Forces Help Society, Lord Roberts Workshops bungalows and Constance Green Wing at the Blackpool Home, Lytham Rd, Blackpool, 2.55.

The Duchess of Kent attends a charity ball, National Sports Centre, Cardiff, 7.40.

New exhibitions
Paintings by Robert Jenkins: The Ginnel Gallery, Leyds

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,041

ACROSS
1 Passionate love for a tall bird with a long neck (8)
5 Wiring a bionic man to carry a basket of stones (6)
8 Shaped like Gilbert's ivory (10)
9 Talent is present here (4)
10 Animal trotted out, leaving fellow in rags (14)
11 Measure of refractive power represented in a period (7)
13 Girl with recorder has rhythm... (7)
15... but her dog is said to show arrogance (7)
18 Informally like the Happy Hymnic (7)
21 He showed what depths sailors can sink to (6,8)

DOWN
1 Annotated with repetitive ornamental border (7)
2 Functions performed by washers (9)
3 Government loan is grabbed, we hear (7)
4 The King in mounting debt - what a million! (7)
5 The Front is in a strong wind - put out on (9)
6 Sister started holding one by the end of the dance (7)
7 Fault is to do with receiver (7)
12 Frenzied Pierides capture maiden and hide (9)
14 Most of family science is the study of friction (9)
16 Heroin's concealed near the coast (7)
17 This property sounds humble to some (7)
18 It was once sworn by Henry I to God (7)
19 Constant amount of illumination (7)
20 Dual purpose weapon for two men (7)

Solution to Puzzle No 17,040

Australia \$	2.205
Austria Sch	23.80
Belgium F	72.05
Canada \$	2.205
Denmark Kr	13.02
France Fr	6.56
Germany Dm	11.50
Greece Dr	212.00
Hong Kong \$	12.40
India Ru	1.155
Italy Lire	2,000.00
Japan Yen	265.00
Netherlands Gld	3.60
Norway Kr	11.50
Portugal Esc	200.00
Spain Pes	166.00
Sweden Kr	1.151
Switzerland Fr	2.82
USA \$	1.151
Yugoslavia Dnr	530.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC

Retail Price Index: 981.8
London FT Index closed down 8.8 at 1336.9

Chinese crossword page 14

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Food prices

The British asparagus season started a little late this year. This eagerly awaited gourmet's delight will not disappoint the palate as it is in good supply, the which delayed its growth has if anything enhanced its flavour. Asparagus is now carefully graded into five categories marked by a coloured wrapper, namely: *lambie* (yellow), extra selected (blue), selected (red), choice (green), and kitchen and spruce priced from 25-35p a bunch.

Cape broccoli 50-70p a head and cauliflower 35-45p are also in good supply. There is a wide variety of fruit including strawberries 75p a half pound, Cape Packham's Butters Hardy and Comice pears 45-55p a lb. Home grown rhubarb is reasonably priced at 20-35p a lb.

Special meat offers at shops and supermarkets this week include: *lamb 60p a lb*, Beef fore rib on the bone 1.64 a lb, Sainbury's New Zealand leg of lamb 1.34 a lb, frozen chicken (up to 3 1/2 lbs) 45p a lb, Sainsbury's Frozen mince 40p a lb, Sainsbury's Beef 79p a lb, 5lbs packer 69p a lb, Marks & Spencer's butcher style pork sausages 99p a lb.

Anniversaries

Births: Giovanni Paisiello, composer, Taranto, Italy, 1740; John Brown, abolitionist, Torrington, Connecticut, 1800; Sir James Barry, Kirtree, 1800; William Bayly, of the Old Vic and Sadlers Wells, London, 1874; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher and writer, Madrid, 1883.

Deaths: William Bradford, Father and Governor of the Plymouth Colony, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1657; Count von Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Herrbuz, 1760; Friedrich von Schiller, poet and dramatist, Weimar, Germany, 1805; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist and physicist, Paris, 1850.

The German garrison in the Channel Islands surrendered, 1945.

Top Films

The top box-office films in London:
1 The Jewel of the Nile
2 Out of Africa
3 Jagged Edge
4 A Room with a View
5 The Untouchables
6 The Untouchables
7 The Untouchables
8 The Untouchables
9 The Untouchables
10 The Untouchables

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private Members' Bill, Safety at Sea Bill and Civil Protection in Peacetime Bill, remaining stages.

Weather forecast

A depression to the NW of Scotland will fill as a further Atlantic depression takes its place, a weak frontal system will move across the W of the country.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England: Rafter cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle, some sunny intervals, wind SW light or moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

East Angles, E, central N England: Sunny intervals, perhaps some light rain later, wind SW light or moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

West Angles, W, central W England: Bright intervals with some misty light rain spreading from the W; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Central Highlands, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, moderate showers; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Channel Islands and Sunday: A belt of rain will cross all eastern bays from the SW, gradually in the W to be followed by sunny intervals and showers, heavy at times especially in the NW. However the SE will have bright or sunny intervals tomorrow. Temperatures around or a little below normal, but rather warm in the S tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 9.06 pm to 4.47 am
Edinburgh 9.37 pm to 4.41 am
Manchester 9.22 pm to 4.48 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.14 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, fair; R, rain; S, sun.

Belfast	11.35	Guernsey	11.32
Birmingham	12.54	Jersey	12.52
Bristol	12.54	London	12.54
Cardiff	12.54	Manchester	12.54
Edinburgh	12.54	Windsor	12.54
Glasgow	12.54	Widnesley	11.50

Top video rentals

1 (1) A Nightmare on Elm Street
2 (2) Witness
3 (3) Witness
4 (4) Witness
5 (5) Witness
6 (6) Witness
7 (7) Witness
8 (8) Witness
9 (9) Witness
10 (10) Witness

Weather forecast

High Tides

TODAY	MOON	HT	FT	MT
London Bldge	3.02	8.9	3.25	8.0
Aberdeen	2.28	9.8	2.34	8.9
Belfast	4.23	11.2	3.54	12.6
Bristol	6.13	11.8	8.25	11.8
Cardiff	7.3	12.1	8.25	11.8
Devonport	8.53	12.4	8.25	11.8
Dover	12.01	6.4	12.25	6.3
Falmouth	12.23	6.4	12.25	6.3
Glasgow	1.50	4.5	2.14	4.8
Harwich	12.56	3.9	1.24	3.9
Holyhead	4.5	11.7	5.2	11.7
Inverness	7.31	7.0	7.41	7.2
London	7.08	8.6	7.21	8.5
Lough	12.56	3.9	1.24	3.9
Liverpool	12.12	8.9	12.26	8.9
Manchester	10.55	2.3	10.53	2.3
Merseyside	12.56	3.9	1.24	3.9
Portsmouth	7.22	6.6	7.58	6.6
Sheffield	12.56	3.9	1.24	3.9
Southampton	12.56	3.9	1.24	3.9
Stranraer	7.09	9.1	7.46	9.1
Swansea	4.5	11.7	5.2	11.7
Widnesley	12.54	11.5	11.5	11.5
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Around Britain

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London	10.7	21	57	sunny	
West Coast	9.4	27	12	54	sunny
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Scotland	9.5	22	14	57	sunny

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Rights issue ruled out as M&S profits jump 20%

By Teresa Poole

Lord Rayner, the chairman of Marks and Spencer, yesterday ruled out the need for a rights issue to finance the company's £1.5 billion four-year expansion plan.



Lord Rayner: no plans to issue rights

company will be seeking external finance.

Mr Keith Oates, the finance director, said: "The anticipated levels of debt will be comfortably within our borrowing capacity."

Progress was also made overseas with a strong turnaround at the Marks and Spencer division in Canada where profits of £3 million replaced the previous year's £1 million losses.

The first M&S out-of-town megastore will open at the Metro Centre, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, in October, and further edge-of-town stores are planned at Chesham, Hertfordshire, South Gyle, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Wilmston.

Lord Rayner intends to increase selling space by up to 2 million square feet to 9.5 million square feet by 1990 as well as stepping up the store modernisation programme. Forty-four stores were converted to the new style last year and a further 2.7 million square feet in 63 stores will be modernised this year.

Total sales in 1985-86 were up 16 per cent to £3.73 billion, with turnover in the United Kingdom ahead in all divisions.

Capital expenditure was lower than anticipated at £140 million but is expected to rise to about £350 million this year.

The group's positive cash flow resulted in an increase in interest receivable from £4.6 million to £12.5 million.

A net cash outflow is expected for the current year and the

Oil set for temporary price rise

By David Young Energy Correspondent

World oil prices have started to rise as North Sea oil looks set to pass \$15 a barrel by the weekend in the wake of new support for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) policies from China and Egypt.

The need to build up stocks in the United States has helped push prices on the US futures market beyond \$15 and heading for \$16, but cautious oil industry analysts suggest the price will drop to \$13 a barrel and remain there until winter buying programmes start.

Prices have firmed because China has said it will leave its oil export policy unchanged and not step up exports to customers who previously bought Opec oil.

Egypt said it has cut exports by 200,000 barrels to 670,000 a day, although it has told Opec this is a result of internal decisions and has nothing to do with requests from Opec to support its attempts to push prices up.

Analysts say prices are rising because the 20-day strike in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea - which removed almost a million barrels a day from world production schedules - is being reflected in deliveries to refineries, with traders having to pay more for crude which is available and can be delivered, as opposed to "paper" barrels which are often traded several times.

Berisford bidders both face referral

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Government is about to call a halt to the fast-moving £480 million takeover battle for S&W Berisford, the commodity trading and sugar group, industry sources said yesterday.

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, is expected to recommend soon that both competing takeover bids for the company should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is likely to endorse the recommendation next week.

The decision will cause surprise and confusion in the City, where it had been widely assumed that although the bid by Berisford's sugar rival, Tate & Lyle, would be referred, the competing offer by Hillsdown Holdings would be given the go ahead.

Combining Tate & Lyle with Berisford's British Sugar offshoot would give the group 94 per cent of the UK sugar market. Hillsdown, on the other hand, has no sugar refining interests at the moment.

A reference of both offers would signal a significant shift in Government mergers policy, with the re-emergence of the principle of even-handed treatment of bids in competing takeover situations.

The Government has for several years referred only mergers that would lead to a reduction in competition. On a number of occasions this has left the field clear to rival bidders which do not own

Troubled Inmos may close

By Clare Dobie

Thorn EMI is considering closing down Inmos, the troubled semiconductor company, among a range of other options.

The preferred solution is to bring in a trading partner, but Thorn may sell shareholdings in Inmos to financial institutions or halt its operations entirely.

Progress at Inmos, Britain's largest chip manufacturer, has been disappointing since Thorn acquired 76 per cent of the shares from the Government for £95 million, two years ago.

Inmos was expected to break into profit fairly soon after acquisition but it is still losing money. Thorn has continued to invest in new plant and Inmos is absorbing about £40 million cash a year.

Inmos was set up in 1978 to put Britain at the forefront of chip technology.

Standard to seek Tokyo listing

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered Bank, the international banking group, yesterday announced that it intended to seek a stock exchange listing in Tokyo.

Standard is the subject of a £1.16 billion bid attempt by Lloyds Bank and has said that part of its defence strategy would be to gain listings on stock markets other than London, where the bank believes it is undervalued by investors.

Lord Barber, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the Tokyo listing would demonstrate to shareholders in that region Standard Chartered's commitment to the Far East. However, the listing is seen by the bank as a long-term strategic move since it could take up to six months to achieve. It is being sponsored by Yamaichi Securities and Goldman Sachs, which is also helping with the defence against Lloyds.

Standard is also considering seeking a listing in New York and may apply for separate listings of the main components of the group in their respective local stock markets.

The bank is still awaiting the formal Lloyds offer document which, under takeover rules, must be published by next Tuesday. Standard's shares yesterday continued to fall towards the level of the Lloyds bid, dropping close to 800p. When Lloyds first launched its 750p-a-share offer Standard shares were trading as high as 890p.

The London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe), which opened for business in September 1982, traded its 10 millionth contract yesterday.

Blanket immunity for negligent regulators

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

The Department of Trade and Industry has made a complete climbdown in the face of intensive City lobbying over the legal liabilities of the new self-regulatory organizations, which are the centrepiece of consumer protection under the Financial Services Bill.

A clearly unhappy Paul Channon, the new Secretary of State, announced yesterday that the SROs would be given virtually blanket immunity against actions for damages. Some leaders of the newer SROs had maintained that they would dissolve themselves if they were not given this concession.

The effect of the decision is to take away the common law right to sue for damages on the grounds of negligence from investors or members of an SRO. Both the organizations and their staff will now be immune from such actions. They can only be challenged if acting in bad faith, while individual members of an SRO remain liable under the common law.

Mr Channon and Michael Howard, the minister chiefly responsible for the Bill, say they have not been huddled into reversing the Government's stated policy. Mr Howard's excuse for backtracking was that it was necessary "to get the system to work". It was, in the words of Mr Channon, "a pragmatic decision designed to get the system of SROs off the ground and to get members to serve".

In other words, the Government was successfully lulled in a manner which does not bode well for the future. It shows that, with delays to the Bill and the Stock Exchange big bang looming, the Government may need the SROs more than the City does, which gives the professionals strong bargaining power.

Mr Channon and Mr Howard consider that immunity will bolster investor protection rather than slacken it. They argue that SROs will be more willing to take disciplinary action against their members if they do not have the threat of massive lawsuits in the background.

They argue that the experience of the Stock Exchange, which has successfully operated without immunity so far, is not relevant to the growing internationalization of markets, which brings in overseas institutions, used to a more litigious North American environment.

There is some sense in this, although the precedent of introducing legal immunity for the Council of Lloyd's under the 1982 Act is already generally regretted. That argument does not, however, justify extending immunity to preclude actions brought by members of the public for damages against an SRO. The statutory compensation scheme which will apply to investors will be severely limited, a point which Mr Channon did not appear to have grasped yesterday. It is important that this should be given more substance if

investors are to lose their right to sue the regulators.

To give a blanket immunity of this nature is a very blunt way of solving the problem. Some sort of limited immunity - say limiting actions against an SRO to prevent recovery of more than a certain sum - would have at least not been so fundamental a derogation of the law of negligence. Mr Howard admitted that "it was not an easy decision".

Moreover, it is arguable that the fear of negligence actions is one thing which keeps professions and reputable bodies on their toes. It imposes from within very careful procedures and checks to ensure that affairs are properly carried out. An SRO not facing such discipline would not have such strong incentives to proper internal management. This seems likely to place even more stress on the supervision of the supervisors by the Securities and Investment Board. No wonder many of the more thoughtful City folk are beginning to wonder whether self-regulation was such a good idea after all, given the competitive pressures already emerging.

Sound requirement

Building societies have plenty on their minds. Their main preoccupation - the Building Societies Bill - opens up new areas to explore. At the same time the Financial Services Bill, and the self-regulatory regime it introduces, will have a significant impact on societies. True, their traditional activities of taking deposits and granting mortgage loans do not constitute investment business as defined in the Financial Services Bill but building societies are responsible for about a quarter of all sales of life assurance, by virtue of their link with the provision of home loans.

Societies which do not merely act as agents referring the business will require authorization under the Bill. The society - or a subsidiary - will have to join a self-regulatory organization or seek authorization direct from the Securities and Investments Board. This is a sound requirement: societies' life assurance activities often fall below their standards in other aspects of their business. Many do not provide their customers with a proper choice of policies, or taper policies to individual needs.

The duty of "best advice," proposed by MIBOC, would require societies to amend their current practice and take reasonable steps to seek out and recommend what they genuinely believe to be the best product for a particular customer, available from any company in the market. And, if an endowment policy is not suitable, the society must not recommend one. The society that maintains agencies with the same companies year in and year out would become a thing of the past.

Arrogance of Dixons shows lack of confidence, says Woolworth

By Alison Eadie

Terence Beckett, said he had never seen such a good team of young managers in his life as the Woolworth managers. Sir Kenneth was previously chairman of Unilever.

Woolworth, in the defence document, emphasized the achievements of the management since it took over 3 1/2 years ago, and expressed the belief that this management was better placed than any other to maximize the future growth of Woolworth. It claimed that Dixons was not

Oppenheim bids £91m for Aitken

By Richard Lander

Mr Nick Oppenheim, the financier, yesterday launched his takeover bid for Aitken Hume International, the diversified financial services group which has been beset by boardroom rifts and plunging profits.

Pledging to concentrate Aitken's energies in fewer areas, Mr Oppenheim's valuing his target at about £91 million with an all-paper bid from Tranwood Group, the Bear Brand hosiery group where he has been chairman since organizing a £1.5 million capital injection three months ago.

The Aitken board will meet today to consider the approach.

Tranwood is offering nine shares for every Aitken, valuing Aitken at 198p a share after Tranwood rose 1 1/2p to 22p yesterday. Aitken closed 16p higher at 174p.

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TEMPLETON INTERNATIONAL Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd. welcome new shareholders

"Since the end of the year the trend in profits has continued owing to a further increase in assets under management which by 31st March, 1986 had reached \$8.5 billion, an increase of 23 per cent since the year end and 64 per cent since 31st March, 1985. We estimate that profits after tax for the first quarter of this year were \$7.4 million, a substantial increase over the same quarter a year ago. We should point out however that the first quarter of each year, and this year in particular, tends to be one of our stronger quarters because of individuals' contributions to their retirement accounts".

PRO FORMA FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Table with columns for 1985, 1986, and 1987. Rows include Turnover, Operating profit, Profit before tax, Profit for the year, Earnings per ordinary share, and Dividend per ordinary share.

NOTE: On the basis used for the profits estimate in the offer for sale document dated 12th February, 1986, the profit for the year would have been: 24,079 cents and earnings per ordinary share: 15.1 cents.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Table of stock market indices: New York (1782.12 +6.82), Tokyo (16078.24 +124.39), Hong Kong (1064.21 -1.44), Amsterdam (1242.34 -4.7), Frankfurt (closed), Brussels (closed), Paris (CAC closed), Zurich (SKA General closed).

INTEREST RATES

Table of interest rates: London (Bank Base 10 1/4%, 3-month interbank 10 1/4-10 1/2%, 3-month Treasury Bills 5.02-6.01%), US (Prime Rate 8.50%, Federal Funds 5 1/2%), ECU (2 1/8%), SDR (11.75%).

CURRENCIES

Table of currency exchange rates: London (E: \$1.5455, DM3 3658, Sfr 2.0643, FF10 7103, Yen 252.29, Index: 76.2), New York (E: \$1.5455, DM3 3658, Sfr 2.0643, FF10 7103, Yen 252.29, Index: 76.2).

MARKET PRICE CHANGES

Table of market price changes: RISES (Allied-Lyons 3150 +70, BP 5530 +80, Williams Holdings 6850 +300, etc.), FALLS (Network 855p -20, Tate & Lyle 551p -17, etc.), GAINERS (London Flings AM 3344.50 pm 3345.25, etc.), LOSERS (London Flings AM 3344.50 pm 3345.25, etc.).

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks moved higher yesterday, continuing the upward trend begun late on Wednesday when losses were trimmed substantially, according to traders.

Initial expectations that the auction of 30-year US bonds would be a success lifted the market, they said.

Further mild gains in oil, however, kept a lid on the enthusiasm.

The Dow Jones industrial average which at one stage early in the morning gained six points to 1,782 soon slipped to 1,777.16, up 1.86.

The transport average was up 0.61 at 783.99, with the utilities average up 0.83 at 187.60.

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TEMPUS

Profits 23% up add muscle to Allied defence

Allied-Lyons' 1985-86 results demonstrated why the company is not giving a Castleman XXXX about the bid from Elders DXL or anyone else.

Taxable profits were nearly £10 million above City forecasts at £269.5 million, a gain of 23 per cent on turnover only 4 per cent higher.

Earnings per share after extraordinary items rose 75 per cent. The £67 million bonus from the sale of Allied's interest in Castleman Tooneys was partly offset by £28 million restructuring costs.

This year should bring further margin improvement as the cost-cutting programme continues. The growing popularity of more profitable lager also helps.

Profits are on course for £310 million, giving an undemanding prospective p/e ratio of 10 on the shares 7p higher at 315p. However, the shares are taking a wait and see attitude pending the acquisition of Hiram Walker's spirits and wines division.

Allied is confident it will secure the necessary monopolies clearances in Britain, the United States and Canada, and that the Canadian courts will throw out Gulf Canada's appeal against the deal.

With expected annual cash generation of £75 million from Hiram, Allied is relaxed about allowing its gearing to go temporarily above 50 per cent to fund the purchase. Gearing at the year end was barely 17 per cent.

Until that mix is known and the deal is secure, the shares will probably remain hesitant.

European Ferries has an interesting collection of businesses in its shipping, harbour operations and property divisions. Unfortunately, it still looks like a case of jam tomorrow, or rather 1987, and shareholders must be wondering whether it will be worth waiting that long.

Yesterday, the company announced its results for the year to December 31, 1985, and revealed that the property division took a £15 million write-down on its Houston, Texas, development. This amounts effectively to a partially finished suburb in the once-booming oil city.

This leaves European Ferries with £60 million of Houston property on its books with little prospect of a return until the oil price recovers, an event which may not take place for years.

Competition from the French government-owned SNCF continues to be a problem, as does Sealink where the low acquisition cost amounts effectively to a subsidy and allows Sealink to undercut other operators.

Clive Anderson of the stockbroking firm Kitcat & Aitken is forecasting pretax profit of £59 million for the year to December 1986. Much of the improvement is likely to come from the four chartered vessels and two new ships, one of which will come into service this year.

The 50 per cent expansion of container capacity at Felixstowe will also be ready before it builds up to full capacity. Forecast earnings of 16.7p per share puts European Ferries on a prospective multiple of 8.7. Such a low rating may look justified on the basis that the next interim announcement is likely to be dull.

P & O still has a 20.8 per cent interest and Geoffrey Sterling, P & O chairman, has a seat on the board. The US properties must look very attractive to him, as will European Ferries' 34.7 per cent interest in Stockley.

P-E International is a management consultancy company with a strong bias towards computer services. Now in the 52nd year of its existence, it is seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange by way of an offer for sale by tender.

Extel 'set to make purchase'

By Clare Dobie

Extel, the financial and racing information group, plans to make a large acquisition in the near future. It would like to expand its financial information, publishing and printing businesses.

Mr Alan Brooker, chairman and chief executive, denied that the plan was part of a defensive strategy. Demerger Corporation, whose bid for Extel recently collapsed, and Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, are barred from bidding for Extel for the next 12 months.

Mr Brooker announced yesterday that Mr John Barkshire, chairman of Mercantile House Holdings, is to become non-executive deputy chairman of Extel, in place of Mr George Mann, who will remain on the board for another year.

Extel's profits rose from £10.9 million to £14.7 million before tax in the year to March 31 and the dividend has been increased from 6.75p to 10p. Following last year's rights issue there was a swing from interest charged of £82,000 to interest received of £41,000.

Of the £19 million rights issue proceeds, £11 million has been spent on introducing television to betting shops. Profits in the sporting and financial services division fell from £6.75 million to £6.20 million as a result of the costs of this investment.

Recovery likely to continue after Wall St fuels rally

Another dull day yesterday had share prices slipping from the outset on persistent small selling due to political considerations ahead of the election results, fears of further rights issues and receding hopes of another cut in interest rates.

But shares staged a technical rally as Wall Street opened firmer. Most dealers expect the recovery to continue today as investors buy stock for the three-week account, which begins next Monday.

The FT 30-share index, which had tumbled by more than 22 points at one stage, ended 8.8 points lower at 1,336.9, while the FT-SE 100 closed 7.5 points down at 1,602.6.

Leaders finished between 4p and 8p down, but Allied-Lyons again resisted the trend at 315p, up 7p, relieved at the absence of a rights issue and pleased with profits that matched best expectations.

Gilts came through unscathed, helped by the strength of sterling, index-linked stocks rose by 1.1. It was a different story in stores, still numbed by the £72 million cash call from Harris Queensway. Harris dropped to 228p, before later rallying to 242p - a net fall of 6p. Marks and Spencer did not help sentiment by producing prof-

its at the lower end of expectations, but still up 20 per cent. The shares fell initially to 199p, but rallied to 204p, down 4p. Other stores languished in sympathy, but ended well above the worst. Sears, reporting next week, lost 3p to 117½p after adverse comment. Empire at 198p gave back 8p on its recent speculative rise.

Electronics remained vulnerable after Wednesday's setback at Diploma, which was 28p, down 26p - and a loss of 80p since the figures were announced. Good profits failed to help UEL at 276p, down 6p, but Amstrad re-

bounded 27p to 509p on growth prospects. Profit-taking cut 17p from TT Group at 561p, but Williams Holdings was hoisted 30p to 685p after the chairman's comments at the annual meeting. Rank Organisation attracted strong speculative support on vague reports that Bond Corporation had acquired an interest. The company refused to comment on the reports.

Recently two big stockbrokers have upgraded their profit forecasts. Aitken Hmoe was a late feature at 174p, up 16p following a bid from Tranwood. Banks remained overshad-

owed by the disappointing profits from Royal Bank of Scotland, 4p lower at 332p. NatWest lost 15p to 870p. European Ferries eased 3p to 144p after profits much as expected. Rotaflex, up 7p to 350p, continued to reflect satisfaction with the company's strong resistance to the Essex Lighting terms.

Wedgwood eased 8p to 355p, awaiting takeover developments. Disappointing profits knocked 7p from AE at 146p. Better-than-expected earnings and a sharp rise in the dividend failed to support Extel at 375p, down 5p. WSL Holdings was marked up 10p to 163p.

There is a presentation of the company next week and Messel, the broker, is believed to have a favourable circular in the wings. Tate & Lyle remained on offer at 57½p, down 12p, because of the Berisford bid situation. Recent speculative favourites Rowatree, at 496p and Parkland Textile, 142p, fell by 12p and 8p respectively.

Oil was supported by the latest flare-up in the Gulf war, with BP 8p higher at 533p ahead of next week's first-quarter figures. Ultramar improved by 5p to 185p as IEP Securities increased its holding.

RECENT ISSUES table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock prices.

Bankers split on rule poll

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Disagreement surfaced yesterday in the British Bankers Association over how to conduct a poll among banks on the question of abolishing the O'Brien rule which prohibits banks from owning more than 10 per cent of a money broker.

The rule was responsible for halting a proposed merger between Morgan Grenfell and Exco, the money broking and foreign exchange group. The executive committee of the BBA is believed to have decided to conduct a secret poll among a handful of key banks.

But Mr Alan Osrich, chairman of the BBA's foreign exchange committee, which first proposed a poll, believes all banks must be asked. "You cannot keep this sort of thing secret for long and it makes more sense to canvas all the banks", he said yesterday. A broader poll would carry more weight with the Bank of England which has the final decision on whether to repeal the rule, he added.

The BBA's foreign exchange committee has recommended that a poll be taken. Mr Osrich said: "I do not know exactly how a poll would come out, but there is a strong feeling among the banks in favour of keeping the status quo because it has worked."

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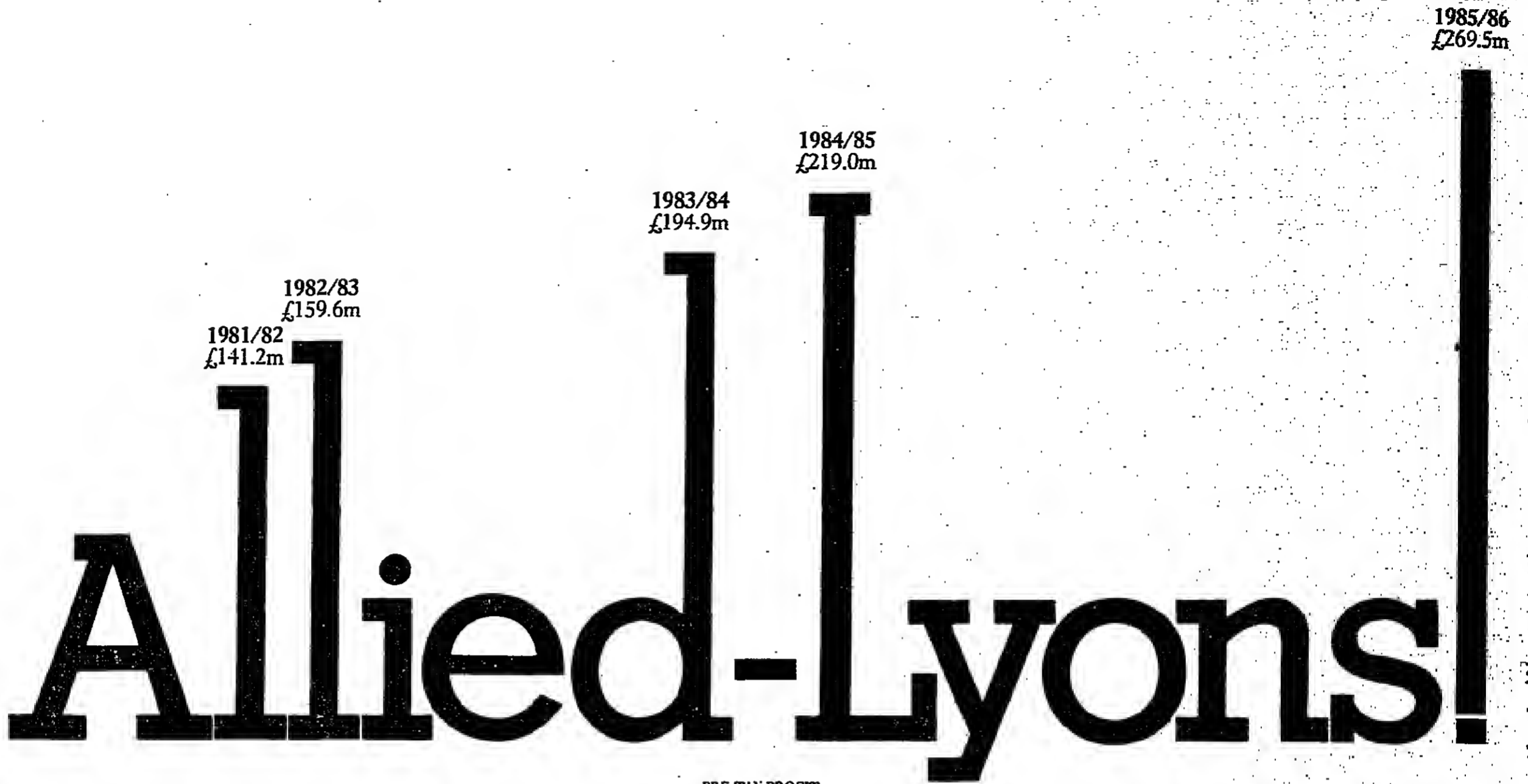
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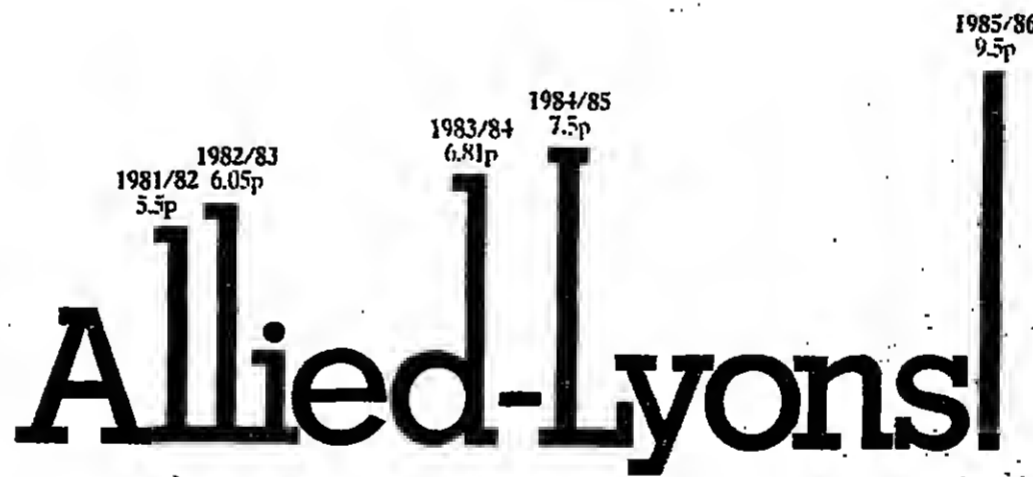
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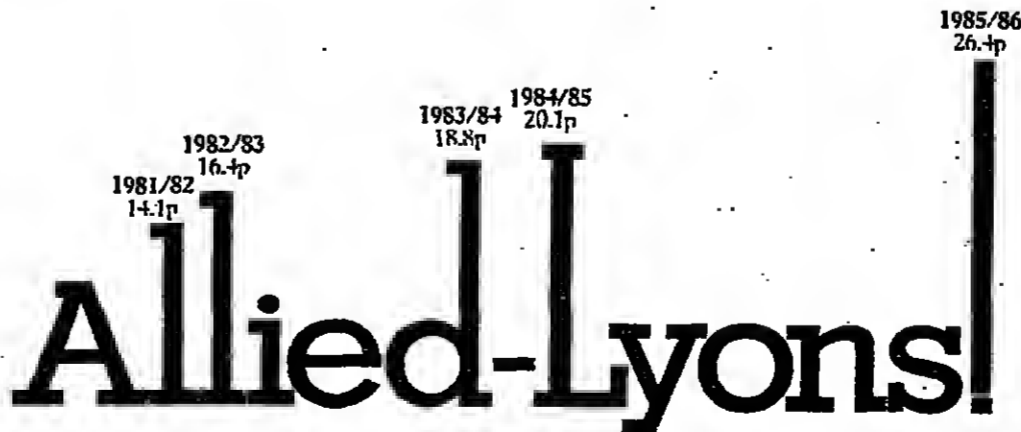
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One in five catches DIY habit in £2.5bn market

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

One British adult in five tackles do-it-yourself jobs around the house, averaging five projects in the past year. For some it is a continuous process, almost compulsive by nature, reflecting both basic and cosmetic needs. A survey of consumer attitudes towards DIY found.

The compulsion means good business for the DIY manufacturers and retailers, whose sales year is now at its peak.

The survey by the market analyst NOW Research suggests that more than 16 million households in Britain are likely to spend £3 a week on DIY products this year, which puts a value of about £2.5 billion on the market.

The average household involved in DIY spent about £150 last year and is likely to spend more than £160 this year, suggesting an increase of about 7 per cent. The increase last year over 1984 was about 13 per cent.

This easing of growth underlines the widespread view that DIY is now a mature market.

It has long expanded out of its original province of the small number of households relying on traditional male skills and technical knowledge.

The market now embraces all socio-economic groups, women and men, young and old, according to the survey.

In the past year at least 52 per cent of women surveyed had handled at least one DIY task. Among men 74 per cent had done the same. At least

Growth in the £295 million-a-year tools and equipment market is likely to be limited after the end of this decade, according to a survey by Market Assessment, the market analyst.

Potential demand is largely met, leaving mainly replacement sales, the survey says.

Hand tools sales are likely to be hit further because of increasing competition from power tools and the sales of simple self-assembly furniture.

The hand tools market dropped in value, in real terms by a third between 1978 and 1984, although the traditional manual tools are still the biggest single sector, worth about £150 million at retail values. The market has recovered slightly since bottoming out in 1982.

half of those aged 55 or older had tackled a DIY job.

Even young children are likely to have some influence on the decor of their own bedrooms, while children aged 11 or more can have an impact on decisions on style and color in family rooms.

Women, the survey found, were more likely to be the instigators of DIY projects, having been influenced by the media and advertising. Men were primarily the doers, while holding sway on technical issues—choice of tools and working methods—and often on brand selection.

But DIY products are increasingly likely to be bought by women as gifts for men, with presentation and packaging playing key roles, the survey found.

Volume sales of paintbrushes and rollers, which are replaced frequently, have moved ahead, reaching about 44.4 million units by the end of 1984. But falling prices and margins have squeezed real market value to about £28 million at retail values.

Sales of power tools were valued at £68 million in 1984, a rise in real terms of 14 per cent since 1980. Black & Decker is market leader in this sector with an estimated 85 per cent of sales.

Workbenches were selling at the rate of about £9 million a year in retail terms by 1984. The sector was worth only £4 million retail in 1979.

DIY Tools and Equipment Report 552, Market Assessment Publications, 2 Duncan Terrace, London N1, £250.

Group discussions with DIY enthusiasts of varying levels of competence were part of the survey. Most had in common their urge to improve the home. They looked on DIY as part of their leisure activities, although the key motivation was cost.

Secondary motivations were concern over "cowboy" builders and personal satisfaction and pride in a DIY achievement.

DIY householders were especially sensitive about prices, the survey found. But in some areas, especially tools and electrical products, product quality and reliability played an important part.

Edge-of-town DIY superstores were liked for their longer trading hours and

Sunday opening, but they were criticized for poor quality of sales staff. Customers see them all as similar, said the survey.

Only the experienced among DIY adherents like the builders' merchants. Small local DIY and hardware shops are seen as old fashioned, uncompetitive on price and likely to decrease in numbers even though they often provide expert advice.

The most frequently tackled DIY task is the painting of interior woodwork, with 51 per cent undertaking the task last year.

Wallpapering was the second most frequent job (38 per cent of adults), followed by laying of carpets or tiles (24 per cent) and fixing shelves and cupboards to walls (23 per cent).

Twelve per cent of adults tackled some plumbing, 10 per cent electrical re-wiring and as many again some plastering of internal walls. About 7 per cent made or renovated furniture.

Installation of double glazing attracted 3 per cent, the same proportion that built internal partitions. Only 2 per cent tried installing central heating.

There are more DIY households in the North-east and the Midlands than anywhere else, although DIY is popular in the South of England and Scotland. But there are fewer DIY adherents in London, eastern England and Yorkshire, the survey found.

DIY NOW - the Consumer View, NOW Research, 80 St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4AA, £850.

COMPANY NEWS

VALUX GROUP: Interim dividend 4.18p (3.74p) for the 24 weeks to March 15, 1986. Turnover £73.55 million (£62.9 million). Pretax profit £6.22 million (£5.11 million). The board reports that, given a reasonable summer, the company is on target to achieve at least a similar increase in profit in the second half-year.

USHER-WALKER: Total dividend for 1985 7.3p (6.6p). Turnover £10.99 million (£10.13 million). Pretax profit £845,000 (£784,000). Earnings per share 20.69p (18.46p).

FAIRLINE BOATS: Half-year to March 31, 1986 interim dividend 2p (1.5p). Turnover £5.78 million (£4.26 million). Pretax profit £403,000

(£252,000). Earnings per share 7.1p (4.7p).

CR HOLDINGS: Half-year to Dec 31, 1986 interim dividend 1.6p (same), payable on July 3. Turnover £12.17 million (£16.46 million). Pretax profit £743,000 (£1.18 million).

FUJITSU-GTE: The two companies intend to form a joint venture for developing and marketing private branch exchanges and related business communications systems for North America. A definitive agreement is expected to be signed by the end of this year.

UNITED BISCUITS: The annual meeting was told that the first-quarter pretax show a substantial increase compared with the same period last year.

This will mean a significant rise in profit for the half-year.

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS: The board forecasts a net dividend of 12p a share for 1986—an increase of 50 per cent over last year—which will be paid 4p as an interim and 8p as the final. The annual meeting was told. Williams' acquisition of Fairry Engineering is expected to contribute substantially to the group's success and its order intake has improved considerably over the last few months.

WOODHOUSE AND RIXSON: For the first four months of the current year, sales and order intake are well ahead of the corresponding period last year, the annual meeting was

told. The company looks forward to 1986 with confidence.

BBA GROUP: The results for first quarter of the current year are ahead of the previous year and the board expects a year of excellent progress, the annual meeting heard. Steps have recently been taken to establish a new management structure which recognizes the group's rapid growth.

HUNTING ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES: Mr Clive Hunting, the chairman, says in his annual statement that he believes prospects for continuing growth in 1986 are good. The group's defence business has a strong order book, which should result in a further increase in profits from this sector.



Glynwed's pre-tax profits rise by 34.3%

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Profit before taxation	35.6	26.5
Earnings for the period	23.2	18.8
Ordinary dividends	8.8	7.7
Profit retained	12.1	7.2
Net operating assets	138.6	162.1
Capital expenditure on tangible fixed assets	11.3	14.6
Depreciation	10.5	10.9
Earnings per ordinary share - net basis	27.69p	22.45p
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Women who make up a lifeline

Women "returners" can be the lifeline of small businesses that badly need help, says Rennie Fritchie, a visiting lecturer in business management at Aston University...



Practising what she teaches: Rennie Fritchie, standing left; assistant Ginny Ellis; partner Jan Langley; client John Howse, and, at the keyboard, assistant Pam Blanchett.

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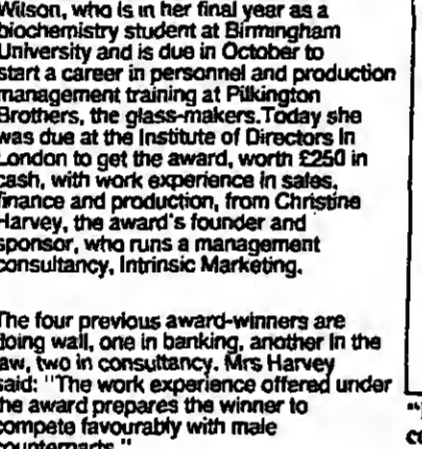
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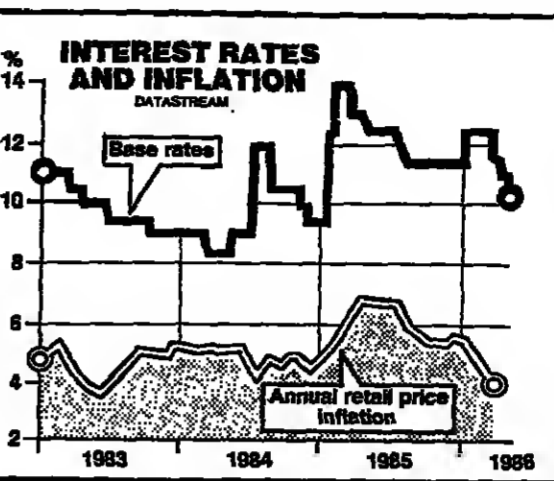
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LONDON AND MANCHESTER GROUP PLC
SALIENT POINTS - YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 1985

Inflation clue to steady fall predicted for base rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent



Interest rates in Britain, it is generally agreed, are headed downwards. Economists dispute the level base rates will be on at the end of the year, but there is near consensus that they will be below the present 10.5 per cent. Mr Richard Jeffrey, at the stockbrokers Hoare Govett, expects them to fall to 7.5 per cent by then. Mr David Kern, chief economist at the National Westminster Bank, is looking for a more modest reduction, to 9 per cent, while Mr Howard Carter, of P-B Securities, predicts 8 per cent and Mr Ian Harwood, at Rowe & Pitman, sees base rates just edging down to 9.5 per cent by December.

Even so, this uniformity of views on a slippery subject as the direction, if not the magnitude, of interest rate changes over six months is, on first glance, surprising. Figures published this week showed the broad measure of money supply growing at a breakneck pace. Bank lending rose by a record £3 billion in the April banking month, boosted both by company borrowing to take advantage of 1985-86 capital allowances, and by a pick-up in the personal sector's demand for credit. Sterling M3 rose by 3.3 to 3.25 per cent during the month, to stand 16.5 per cent up on a year earlier, compared with an 11 to 15 per cent target range. Annualized growth over the latest six months is 19.5 per cent, over the latest three months, 28.75 per cent.

A big downgrading of sterling M3 has already occurred. Most economists have taken on board the Treasury's message that other indicators (and this is usually taken to mean exchange rates) have taken on much greater importance. But that, in some ways, adds to the puzzle. It is possible to argue with some confidence that growth in broad money will slow later this year, particularly if the new short-term commercial paper market takes off. But it is a brave person who

drop to 2.7 per cent in June, 2.4 per cent in September and 1.8 per cent by December. The inflation rate in April, due to be published at the end of next week, is likely to be around 3.2 per cent, a full point down on March. From then on, even if most forecasters are not quite as bold as Hoare Govett, the rate is expected to remain at or below 3 per cent for the rest of the year.

The argument that lower base rates must happen then becomes mainly a real interest rate argument. When the historic inflation rate is 4.2 per cent the real rate of interest, with 10.5 per cent base rates, is over 6 per cent. Just to maintain real interest rates, even at this very high level, base rates will need to fall significantly as the inflation rate falls. On the Hoare Govett inflation forecast, a base rate prediction of 7.5 per cent by the end of the year is still a very high real interest rate. The more general view, of end-year inflation of 3 per cent, would require base rates of 6 per cent to keep the real rate of interest at current levels.

There is, of course, an element of the self-fulfilling prophecy in inflation and interest rate forecasts. Mortgage rates are an important element in the retail prices index, and they come down as general interest rates fall. The difficulty with the real interest rate approach to base rate forecasts comes next year, when the special factors of collapsing oil prices, and the pound's sharp recovery and comparisons with last year drop out, the core inflation rate may return to around 5 per cent. This, taken in combination with the tendency for interest rates to be panicked up in January by runs on the pound, could mean that after driving down base rates this year, the Government will be forced to push them up again in 1987. In what could be an election year, that is not politically attractive.

rather poor inflation performance of a year ago, prospects for inflation, as measured by the retail prices index, are looking very good indeed. This is not entirely a surprise within the Treasury. Implied in the public spending projections of the Autumn Statement last November was an inflation rate of 3 per cent this summer. Now City economists think that the Treasury may be, if anything, a little cautious on the inflation outlook. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has said that inflation should be the judge and jury of policy, and the markets are inclined to believe him. For a variety of reasons, most importantly the sharp drop in oil prices and 12-month comparisons with the

profit on ordinary activities £20,000 (loss £286,000). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, 0.08p (loss 0.97p).

ASTRA INDUSTRIAL GROUP: The company has disposed of its freehold investment property at Cheston Road, Aston, Birmingham, for £22,000 cash (book value: £30,000). The proceeds will be used to fund working capital and expenditure incurred in the reorganisation of the leisure division.

HUGH MACKAY: Mr J Mackay, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year had started well. The company's activities are almost 50 per cent up compared with a year ago. Exports have been nearer 45 per cent higher.

RENAISSANCE ENERGY: First quarter of 1986. Gross revenue, £25.68 million (£4.6 million), against £25.88 million. Net income, before extraordinary item, £2.09 million (£2.39 million).

SOUTHERN VENTURES: In his annual report, Mr Bob Hewitt, the chairman, predicts "one or two" gold mining operations next year from the company's advanced projects in Western Australia. Southern will be raising additional financing by a rights issue, with details later this month.

London and Manchester Group plc
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Further two unit trusts launched
Investment management contracts gained
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North Sea oil venture
By David Young, Energy Correspondent
A new venture has been formed by two leading companies in the North Sea oil construction industry to develop high-technology low-cost systems to help to combat the effects of falling oil prices. The company, to be called British Offshore Engineering Technology, will bid for advanced technological studies during the next stage of North Sea oil development. The company brings together the technological design experience of Humphreys & Glasgow and the project management record of the John Howard Group. The new company will be 51 per cent owned by John Howard and 49 per cent by Humphreys & Glasgow, who will provide the day-to-day management.

BASE LENDING RATES
ABN 10.50%
Adam & Company 10.50%
BCCI 10.50%
Citicorp 10.50%
Consolidated Credit 10.50%
Continental Trust 10.50%
Co-operative Bank 10.50%
C. Hoare & Co. 10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai 10.50%
Lloyds Bank 10.50%
Nat Westminster 10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland 10.50%
TSB 10.50%
Citibank NA 10.50%
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P-E International plc

(Registered in England No. 287211)

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Hoare Govett Limited

of 4,369,620 ordinary shares of 10p each at a minimum tender price of 165p per share payable in full on application

Summary of Information

The following information is derived from and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document.

Business: P-E is a leading independent consulting services group specialising in management consulting, information technology, computer services and technical services.

Trading Record (Note (i)) table with columns for years 1981-1985 and rows for Turnover, Profit before taxation.

Offer for Sale Statistics at the Minimum Tender Price of 165p

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Rows include Ordinary shares in issue, Market capitalisation, Earnings per share, etc.

Notes: (i) As shown in the Accountants' Report. (ii) Based on the pro forma consolidated balance sheet of the Group at 31 December 1985 as set out under Pro Forma Balance Sheet below.

Share Capital

Authorised £1,600,000 ordinary shares of 10p each. Issued and to be issued fully paid £1,200,000.

Indebtedness

At the close of business on 2 May 1986 the Company and its subsidiaries had an overdraft facility, which was not utilised, secured by a fixed charge on freehold property and a floating charge...

Definitions

- 'the Company' - P-E International plc
'P-E' - the Company and its subsidiaries and, where the context requires, their predecessors in business
'the Group' - the Company and its subsidiaries
'the Directors' - the Directors of the Company
'P-E Computer Services' - P-E Computer Services Limited
'P-E Consulting Group' - P-E Consulting Group Limited
'P-E Consulting Services' - P-E Consulting Services Limited
'Hoare Govett' - Hoare Govett Limited
'the Pension Funds' - The P-E 1974 Pension Scheme and The Barmel (No 2) Trust.

Directors and Advisers

- Directors: Hugh Montgomery Lang CBE (Executive Chairman), Marcus Taylor Samuels (Group Managing Director), James Gifford Donaldson (Group Development Director), Victor John Tuffield (Finance Director), Robert Campbell Murray (Non-executive), Montague Lawrence White (Non-executive).
Secretary: Keith Charles Bell ACIS.
Registered Office: Park House, Wick Road, Egham, Surrey TW20 0HW.
Financial Advisers and Stockbrokers: Hoare Govett Limited, Heron House, 319/325 High Holborn, London WC1V 7BP.
Auditors and Reporting Accountants: Price Waterhouse, Chartered Accountants, Southwark Towers, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SY.
Solicitors to the Company: Simmons & Simmons, 14 Dominion Street, London EC2M 2RJ.
Solicitors to the Offer for Sale: Linklaters & Paines, Barmington House, 59-67 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7JA.
Bankers: Clydesdale Bank PLC, Victoria Branch, 52 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RW.
Registrars and Receiving Agents: Ravensbourne Registration Services Limited, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU and at 145 Leadenhall Street, London EC3V 4QT.

Introduction

P-E is a leading independent consulting services group. It provides a range of specialist services in management consulting, information technology, computer services and technical services. The main services in which P-E is engaged are manufacturing, oil, gas and chemicals, transport, retail and from major multinational groups to small privately-owned businesses...

work was extended in 1971 to include systems analysis and programming and in 1978 P-E Computer Services was incorporated to provide a local point for this rapidly growing part of P-E's business. P-E Consulting Group continued to undertake management consulting work, which also increasingly had a computer dimension. By 1981 computer-related work accounted for more than half of Group turnover...

Consulting in Context

The Case for Consultants: Management operates in a complex, competitive and rapidly changing environment in which it is uneconomic to employ, on a continuing basis, all the specialist skills required. Instead, many organisations are turning to consultants to help them rack their way through the maze of alternatives...

Markets and Competition: Published surveys and independent research indicate that in 1985 the total UK-based market for the range of services which P-E provides was approximately £2 billion while the rate of market growth was around 20%. The consulting services industry is very fragmented with no single firm having a substantial overall market share...

Business

Operating Structure: P-E operates through a number of profit-accountable specialist divisions each of which contains consultants with similar skills and experience. New divisions are established from time to time to

provide a sharper focus for a particular specialism, to increase the motivation of the managers and staff concerned and to encourage growth. The divisions operate with a high degree of autonomy under Divisional Managing Directors, who are all members of P-E's senior management team. Each division is responsible for the development, marketing, quality and delivery of the services that it provides and management remuneration is directly linked to the results achieved.

Core Business Areas: The Group has a broad spread of business in terms of services, clients and locations. The services provided fall into four related core business areas, namely management consulting, information technology, computer services and technical services. In 1985 the percentages of revenue earned in each core business area were as follows:

Table showing percentages of revenue earned in each core business area: Management Consulting (35%), Information Technology (20%), Computer Services (38%), Technical Services (7%).

The work of the management consulting and information technology businesses usually involves P-E in undertaking assignments on a project basis, with P-E being responsible for a programme of work in accordance with agreed terms of reference. Of the work of the computer services business responsible for providing a suitable consultant but not for controlling his or her work. The technical services business is all undertaken on a contract basis.

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P-E International plc

continued
Increase in working capital
Increase/(decrease) in debtors
Decrease/(increase) in creditors

Notes to the Financial Information

1 Turnover
Profit receivable and recoverable expenses in each of the five years were from clients located as follows:
United Kingdom
Other Europe
Middle East
Africa
Other

2 Exceptional Items
Exceptional items included in profit before tax are as follows:
Reorganisation and redundancy costs
Settlement of claim from clients in respect of work performed in earlier years

3 Related Companies
Results of related companies are in respect of an investment in Lodestar Computing Limited which was sold in 1985

4 Interest Income
Interest payable on bank borrowings
Other loans
Interest receivable

5 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation
The profit before taxation is based on the results for each year, comprises:
Taxation, which is based upon the results for each year, comprises

6 Dividends
Dividends per share have been adjusted for the effect of the capital reorganisation referred to in Note 13 of this report

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8 Earnings per share
The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit after taxation attributable to ordinary shareholders for each of the years and the weighted number of ordinary shares in issue in each year adjusted for the effect of the capital reorganisation referred to in Note 13 of this report

9 Tangible Assets
The Group tangible fixed assets comprise:
Freehold property
Short leasehold property
Furniture and equipment
Motor vehicles

10 Debtors
Debtors comprise:
Trade receivables
Other debtors and prepayments
Advances, corporation tax recoverable in respect of the year

2,086 2,140 2,762 3,274 5,470

Other debtors include £28,000 at 31 December 1985 of loans to employees for the purchase of shares in the Company

11 Bank overdraft
At 31 December 1985 the Company and its UK subsidiaries had given guarantees to Clydesdale Bank, PLC in respect of all obligations of Group companies to the bank, in addition the freehold property was charged to secure the bank overdraft

12 Creditors (due within one year)
Creditors falling due within one year comprise:
Trade creditors
Accruals and other creditors
Dividends
Corporate taxes
Other taxes and social security

13 Share Capital
Authorized ordinary shares of £1 each
Allotted and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each

Subsequent to 31 December 1985 the capital was reorganised by the sub-division of each ordinary share of £1 into 10 ordinary shares of 10p each and one for one capitalisation issue

14 Revaluation Reserve
Movements on the revaluation reserve in each of the five years comprise:
At 1 January
Revaluation surplus in the year
Less: Deferred taxation thereon

15 Provisions and Loss Account
Movements on the provisions and loss account in each of the five years comprise:
Provisions for doubtful debts and other receivables
At 1 January
Provisions for doubtful debts and other receivables created during the year

16 Contingent Liabilities
At 31 December 1985 the Group had entered into a performance bond with a maximum liability of £19,000

17 Capital and Lease Commitments
Capital commitments contracted but not provided at 31 December 1985 amounted to £81,000
Operating lease commitments for 1986 comprise:
Leases expiring within one year
Leases expiring between one and five years
Leases expiring thereafter

18 Subsequent Event
On 2 May 1986 a sale and leaseback agreement was entered into whereby the Group sold part of its freehold property to a developer and undertakes to construct an office building which will be leased to the Group from May 1987 at an annual rental of £200,000. Proceeds of the sale, after deducting costs estimated at £100,000, amount to approximately £1,000,000 which will be used to fund the construction of the building. The Group anticipates that the building will be completed in early 1987 and will be let to the developer at an estimated cost of £2,000,000. The Group has a capital commitment, not yet contracted, to install partitioning in the new building at an estimated cost of £200,000 when its construction is completed in 1987

Pro Forma Balance Sheet
The pro forma consolidated balance sheet set out below has been prepared to reflect the effect of the following transactions as though they had been carried out at 31 December 1985:
1 The realisation of £1,284,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account and £517,934 standing to the credit of the reserves of the Company by the issue of shares, on the basis of one new ordinary share for each existing share, which was approved at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 24 April 1986

Statutory and General Information
1 Incorporation and Share Capital
The Company was incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1949 on 21 April 1964 as a private limited company with the name Protections Engineering Limited. On 26 January 1985 the Company was re-registered as a public company under the Companies Act 1985 as P-E International plc. The Company is registered in England and Wales at registered number 397211

2 Issued Share Capital
As at 31 December 1985 the issued share capital of the Company was £1,800,000 divided into 18,000,000 ordinary shares of 10p each

3 Financial Year
The financial year of the Company ends on 31 December. The financial year for 1985 ended on 31 December 1985 and for 1984 ended on 31 December 1984

4 Accounting Policies
The accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out in the notes to the financial statements

5 Directors and Officers
The names of the directors and officers of the Company are set out in the notes to the financial statements

6 Directors' Remuneration
The remuneration of the directors of the Company is set out in the notes to the financial statements

7 Directors' Interests
The interests of the directors of the Company in the shares and debentures of the Company are set out in the notes to the financial statements

8 Directors' Powers
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13 Memorandum and Articles of Association
The memorandum and articles of association of the Company provide that the Company is a private company limited by shares and that the liability of the members is limited to the amount unpaid on their shares

14 Rights attaching to the shares to be listed
The articles of association of the Company (the articles) contain provisions, inter alia, to the following effect:
(a) Rights attaching to the shares to be listed

(b) Dividend
The directors may from time to time declare dividends and bonuses to the members of the Company and may also from time to time declare dividends and bonuses to the members of the Company and may also from time to time declare dividends and bonuses to the members of the Company

(c) Variation of rights and charges in capital
Subject to the provisions of any relevant legislation, all or any of the rights for the time being attached to any class of shares in the Company may from time to time be varied or added to in such manner as may be determined by a resolution of the members of the Company holding three quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the members of that class

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Keeping a check on the 'write-offs'

Not before time the insurance companies are preparing to take action to control the unscrupulous use of 'written off' cars to provide cover identities for stolen vehicles.



Nissan Bluebird: Clean practical lines

The police computer provides an instant check on stolen car numbers but has nothing comparable on 'write-offs'. The proposals now under consideration by the Association of British Insurers and Lloyd's Syndicates call for a register to be set up.

Better drivers

Driving at least one different car each week and covering up to 20,000 accident free miles a year on British and Continental roads would seem to suggest that I am a reasonable competent driver.

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Nissan Bluebird

Nissan insist that there will be nothing to choose between the quality of the cars assembled at their new £60 million British plant and those imported from Japan.

the high gearing which makes it frugal on petrol but sends you grabbing for the gear lever much too frequently.

Nissan have a 1.8 litre version on the way. It should be here later this month and for an extra £200 will make a more lively car.

A bonus for business users is the double trip meter. Mileage allowances can be calculated on a single journey and also over the week or month as a whole.

The 1.6 makes up for some of its shortcomings by its remarkable smoothness. The absence of vibration and coarseness makes the car seem smoother than it is.

VITAL STATISTICS

Model: Nissan Bluebird 1.6 LX Price: £9,995 Engine: 1598 cc Performance: 0-60mph 12.9 seconds maximum speeds 103mph

It would like to see the documents of cars sold for breaking down seat directly to the Driving and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea for destruction.

Unless the insurance companies put their own house in order quickly they could find themselves facing preemptive action by the Home Office.

down on the 1.6 Motego.

At motorway speeds Bluebird is quiet and stable. I was over able to get my seat into a comfortable position however despite an apparently excellent combination of steering column and seat adjustment.

The boot - a prime requirement on a fleet car - is a little disappointing compared with the competition, but still adequate.

The styling is rather blunter than the latest offerings from European manufacturers but its clean, practical lines are business-like.

the new front wheel drive Bluebird is unashamedly Nissan's Corolla.

It is intended to repeat the Ford's phenomenal success as a fleet and company car by offering proven mechanical reliability to a roomy five-seat body shorn of the frilly excesses of some of its more recent rivals.

The 1.6 LX model will be the biggest fleet seller in the 15-strong Bluebird line up and if the one which appeared in my drive recently is typical it is a well finished, competent contender.

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STRAFORD

Going: good to firm
6.0 TYSOE NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: 27.95: 2m) (7)
runners)
1 1460 BEL COURSE (M) 5m 11-10... P Stammers

Stratford selections

6.0 Bel Course, 6.30 Pommandry, 7.0 Ladamelody,
7.30 Ardree, 8.0 Miss Nero, 8.30 Mi Dad.

6.30 WINDERTON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E1,020: 2m) (8)

7 3020 OLIVER ANTHONY M 5m 11-7... P Scudmore
4 2730 POMMANDRY F 7m 11-6... R de Haan

7.0 PRAGNELL TROPHY (E1,932: 2m) (14)

1 0222 THE COUNTY STONE (E) 3m 6-11.2... N Dewles
2 2390 SUTTON PRINCE F 5m 11-9... R de Haan

HUNTINGDON

Going: good to firm
6.0 GODMANCHESTER NOVICE HANDICAP
HURDLE (E735: 2m 22yo) (2) runners)
1 POP CLARIBERTON GILL G 2y...

Huntingdon selections

6.0 Cruden Bay, 6.30 Pukka Major, 7.0 Weight
Problem, 7.30 Rocky's Gal, 8.0 Sonny May, 8.30
Centaur Song.

6.30 RAMSEY NOVICE CHASE (E1,600: 2m 10yo) (14)

1 2041 HUMPHY HOUSE V 11m 11-12... T Heaney
3 4214 PUKKA MAJOR G 5m 11-10... P Stammers

7.0 HUNTINGDON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E1,024: 2m 4yo) (12)

1 0222 THE COUNTY STONE (E) 3m 6-11.2... N Dewles
2 2390 SUTTON PRINCE F 5m 11-9... R de Haan

7.30 CHATTERIS HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,242: 2m 20yo) (2)

1 4832 GAVINIA LAD (G) 5m 11-10... C Cox (9)
1 0003 ROCKS OF GOLD M 3m 11-10... K Twomey (7)

7.30 COLLIER, BIGWOOD & BEWLEY NOVICE
CHASE (E2,855: 3m 2) (12)
runners)
3 3765 BEL COURSE (M) 5m 11-10... P Stammers

8.0 JIM SLATER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS
NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (E844: 2m) (19)

1 0032 CLEARLY BRIST C 4m 5-11.0... D Head
4 0124 BLACKWELL BOY (M) 5m 5-11-2... R de Haan

8.30 WHICHFOUR HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,242: 2m) (20)

1 0010 NOBLE MOUNT M 5m 5-11.2... P Scudmore
3 0234 CHIPPED METAL (D) 5m 7-11.11... C Cooney (7)

8.30 MARCH HANDICAP CHASE (E1,932: 3m 10yo) (10)

1 4794 MASTER TRENCEL DT 7m 16-12-2... R de Haan
3 0121 PRINCE OF THE 11-11-Oilom C Saunders (7)

8.30 ROYSTON NOVICE HURDLE (E630: 2m 4yo) (17)

2361 CENTAUR SONG J 2y 6-11-6... S Stammers
1 0222 THE COUNTY STONE (E) 3m 6-11.2... N Dewles

Today's course specialists

LINGFIELD PARK
TRAINERS: H Cox, 14 winners from 31 runners, 45.8% P, Cole, 27 from 100, 26.9% G, 20 runners from 25, 80% P, 21% G.

HAMILTON PARK

TRAINERS: Mrs G Healey, 12 winners from 27 runners, 21.9% N
Trinder, 7 from 20, 35.0% G, 23 runners from 32, 27.3% G,
Duffield, 45 from 24, 18.8% J, 19 from 28, 14.3% G.

NEWTON ABBOT

Going: good to soft
2.30 M & W NOVICE HURDLE (E1,827: 2m 5f 11yo) (18 runners)
4 0214 ADORNED MAMMERS M 5m 6-11.7... P Scudmore

Newton Abbot selections

2.30 Sporting Market, 3.0 Gums, 3.30 Seiffon
Lord, 4.0 Shialing, 4.30 High Reef, 5.0 Christian
Schard.

3.0 MISSELBROOK & WESTON LTD NOVICE
HANDICAP CHASE (E2,731: 2m 15yo) (8)

3 0001 GEM J A 5m 11-7... P Scudmore
1 0112 AGONISING SONG J A 5m 11-0... D Head

3.30 M & W LANDMARK CASH & CARRY
HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,284: 2m 15yo) (13)

2 0180 AYOON (G) 5m 11-10... W Raze (8)
1 0025 BUTLER BEN (G) 5m 11-10... C Cox (9)

RACING



The grey Bruno (right), pulled off a 33-1 shock when beating the best favorites, Shardsat, by one and a half lengths in yesterday's feature race at Chester: the Ormonde Stakes.

Walter Swinburn took up the running on the 6-5 favourite half a mile from home, where Gold And Ivory, who had gone clear from the start, began to tire.

Primary can make amends

By Mandarini

Guy Harwood looks to have a vintage crop of three-year-olds this season and the Puthborough trainee has high expectations of a triple crown winner when he runs Primary (2.15), Sunny Liz (4.15) and Vianora (5.55).

Primary, a colt with plenty of potential, is expected to make amends for his Sandown lapse by outstaying one of Henry Cecil's classic candidates Verd-Antique in the Hawthorn E.B.F. Stakes, run over the full Derby trip.

HAMILTON PARK

Going: heavy
Draw: 5-8-0, middle to high numbers best

2.15 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN APPRENTICE
STAKES (3-y-o: E1,366: 1m 4yo) (10 runners)
1 2048 COOL OPERATOR M 5m 11-10... R de Haan

4.15 SCOTTISH RIFLES HANDICAP (3-y-o: E1,836: 1m 4yo) (13)

3 0110 CAROLINE ROCKET J 5m 6-7... D Head
4 0110 MARIONA PLATA (D) 5m 6-7... D Head

4.45 LORD LINDOCH MAIDEN STAKES (E1,138: 1m 3) (8)

4 0007 BRANCO BELL S 4m 4-4... J Lane 4
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5.15 CAMERONIANS HANDICAP (E1,755: 1m 4) (11)

1 1201 JACK'S LUCK (P) M 5m 10-0... M Minter 9
2 0211 MICKY (P) M 5m 10-0... M Minter 9

NEWTON ABBOT

Going: good to soft

2.30 M & W NOVICE HURDLE (E1,827: 2m 5f 11yo) (18 runners)
4 0214 ADORNED MAMMERS M 5m 6-11.7... P Scudmore

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HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,284: 2m 15yo) (13)

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for the better ground, but Bruno, who had been leading steadily headway in the last five furlongs, collared the favourite 150 yards out.

Shardsat, although finishing tired, was still seven lengths ahead of the third, Lemhill. Swinburn said, "Shardsat felt great and he'll be back - but the ground was almost unraceable."

Brunica, bringing off a 33-1 double for absent owner Terry Ramsden, who had earlier scored with Pagan Sun, got to the Lambourn trainer and Simpson his first success in a Group race.

Simpson added Simon Whitworth told me after he had ridden him in the City and Suburban that he thought the grey needed a longer trip, and I was just expecting him to run well on the ground. He was fit from hurdling, and I rate him a Champion Hurdle horse."

LINGFIELD PARK

Going: good to soft
Draw: advantage doubtful

2.15 HAWTHORN EBF STAKES (3-y-o: E2,841: 2m 4) (6 runners)
1 145-11 VINDAUP (P) 5m 11-10... R de Haan

2.45 SLEEPING PARTNER SELLING HANDICAP (E1,138: 2m 4) (12)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

2.15 VERD-ANTIQUE (E1,242: 2m)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

3.15 CHARLES HEDSHECK CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (E1,242: 2m 4) (14)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

3.45 ROBERTS MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: E2,876: 2m) (17)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

4.15 GINEVRA STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: E2,288: 7f) (18)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

5.45 GINEVRA STAKES (Div III: 3-y-o: E2,288: 7f) (15)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

LINGFIELD PARK

Going: good to soft
Draw: advantage doubtful
2.15 HAWTHORN EBF STAKES (3-y-o: E2,841: 2m 4) (6 runners)
1 145-11 VINDAUP (P) 5m 11-10... R de Haan

2.45 SLEEPING PARTNER SELLING HANDICAP (E1,138: 2m 4) (12)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

Lingfield selections

2.15 PRIMARY (nap), 2.45 Fairgreen, 3.15 Medson Melody, 3.45 Mebrik, 4.15 Sunny Liz, 4.45 Torrey, 5.15 Vianora, 5.45 Reigenbar.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Verd-Antique, 2.45 Alchamere, 3.15 Medson Melody, 3.45 Lorna Blue, 4.15 Moccasin, 4.45 Easy Day, 5.15 Mrs Widdowere, 5.45 Love At Last.

3.15 CHARLES HEDSHECK CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (E1,242: 2m 4) (14)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
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4.15 GINEVRA STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: E2,288: 7f) (18)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

4.45 MAY HANDICAP (E2,288: 7f 14yo) (20)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

5.15 GINEVRA STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: E2,288: 7f) (15)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

5.45 GINEVRA STAKES (Div III: 3-y-o: E2,288: 7f) (15)

1 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore
2 0030-00 MAJORS REVIEW (G) 5m 6-7... P Scudmore

Pradier struggles

Pradier completed a treble with a narrow success over Aftizan in the Prix de la Favorable at Longchamp yesterday, but it was not a particularly convincing performance and he remains a 16-1 chance for the Derby.

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Blinkered first time

Hamilton: 8.45 Pentoff, 4.15 Widdowere, Van Der Pijp, 4.45 Mochan.

Point-to-point

Today's frame: Lunsdale & Redman, sixe, Rogado (1.30).

Advertisement for American Express National Squash League, featuring a logo with a tennis racket and the letters 'SRA'.

Advertisement for American Express National Squash League, featuring a logo with a tennis racket and the letters 'SRA'.

Large advertisement for the Farah Slacks & Leisure Wear brand, featuring a stylized 'F' logo.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

FOOTBALL: WHILE THE RED STAR OVER EUROPE FLASHES A WARNING, THE BLUE STAR OF MERSEYSIDE RISES TO THE WEMBLEY CHALLENGE

Barcelona pay the penalty for setting out to entertain

David Miller

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Seville

I am pleased for Steaua of Bucharest in becoming the first club from Eastern Europe to win the most important European club trophy, but details in yet another substandard final. The last one worthy of the name was nine years ago, when Liverpool won in Rome. Wednesday night's final was fascinating only for professionals intent upon obscure tactics or for supporters with a vested interest. Barcelona had promised us so much more.

What a bitter conclusion it was for Terry Venables and the club's millions of emotional followers. I was there in Berné in 1961 when Barcelona, reaching the final after five years of standing in the shadow of Madrid's triumphs, played the best half hour of football I have ever seen. Kibala, Szaraz, Czibor and Kocsis hitting the bar and posts five times but losing 3-2 to Benfica. Now, after all the years of hope and failure, of countless managers and great players imported at phenomenal expense, here they were again.

For two days the old city of Seville throbbled with expectation. A cavalcade of coaches, nose to tail and streaming with red and blue bunting, rolled through the terracotta-coloured Andalusian countryside like some medieval army and 60,000 Catalans took command of the streets and cafes. T-shirts with "Campeon de Europa" printed on them were an ill omen. That old demon of sport was stalking the premature celebrations.

A tarnished prize for Bucharest

In their downtown hotel Steaua's players were hardly noticed among the American tourists fretting about tomorrow's schedule.

The difficulty for most outstanding Eastern teams from Ujpest, Ferencvaros, Dukla and Red Star of Belgrade has been that the new season after their winter break coincides with the quarter-final stages. Partizan of Belgrade alone had reached the final. Now Steaua, with some technically accomplished players, have made history. Yet to do so thanks to the lottery of a penalty shoot-out after having four men booked tarnishes the prize.

Barcelona's tears, on the other hand, ought to be dried by the recollection of being fortunate three times over to have reached the final, for their passage against Sparta of Prague, Juventus and Göteborg had been littered with lock. Having survived, they gave the appearance in the final of men too wound-up by tension or the financial bonus that was at stake. Or both. They played below capacity against cleverly negative opposition who, time-wasting after only 20 minutes, were clearly content to wait for extra time or even penalties if necessary. Worried about the pace of Carrasco and Marcos and left-back Alberto, Steaua would only counter-attack from midfield: which at times they did superbly.

Schuster's fitness a crucial factor

The key to Barcelona's performance, or lack of it, was Schuster's evident shortage of fitness. This marvelous player who had dominated the winning of the Spanish championship last year, had made only a partial recovery from the injury which has dogged him and Barcelona's whole season.

While the fouls were flying in the first half hour, he hit several peerless long balls which had Steaua scurrying back like rabbits, and in the quarter of an hour before half-time he headed narrowly over but within minutes of the start of the second half it was apparent that Schuster had stopped running. Balint, Majaru and Balan poured into the midfield spaces left behind Schuster, and Victor and Pedraza, neither having better than an average performance, could not compensate.

In the next 20 minutes Steaua could have won the match, and Venables took a calculated risk in leaving Schuster on the field until six minutes before the end of normal time.

Fears about inadequate handling of the World Cup next month were increased. Michel Vautrot, of France, one of the game's warred captains after half an hour of mutual indiscipline. Yet when Bumbescu mockingly applauded M. Vautrot when booked in extra time he should have been sent off. While we tolerate moral bootboys on the field, we can hardly complain about violence on the terraces.

At midnight, an hour after the European Cup final had ended here, a man stood on the edge of the penalty area in an otherwise empty stadium, looking as if he were about to take a penalty. For a minute he stood there motionless before shaking his head in disbelief and shuffling away.

He could not understand how, after the end of extra time and a goalless draw, his Catalonian heroes had failed to convert any of their four penalties. Barcelona, in front of 70,000 spectators, all but 1,000 of whom were there to support them, thus lost the trophy - that they had seemed destined to win.

Yet Steaua Bucharest, initially almost overwhelmed by the hostile atmosphere and by their opponents, had nothing to lose. If they had been beaten, even by a significant margin, no one would have been surprised. After all, no East European side had won the European Cup in three decades.

In marking the end of one lengthy sequence, the Romanians continued another. Only once in the last nine years has more than one goal been scored within the limits of normal time in the final. In 1984 Liverpool defeated Rome, also on penalties, at the home of the opposition after a 1-1 draw.

The final has been a comparative disappointment since Liverpool's victory over Borussia Mönchengladbach in 1977. Wednesday night's tactical chess game was no less than Barcelona's manager, Terry Venables, expected. He was aware, particularly after last year's dark evenings in Brussels, that the occasion had to be bright.

But he admitted that "everyone nowadays has reached such a high level of efficiency which is to be entertaining is very difficult." He wanted his team

Reprieve for Blackpool

Blackpool, struggling financially and facing closure, were thrown a lifeline yesterday after local councillors had earlier voted to take no action on the club's request for £150,000 to guarantee football in Bloomfield Road next season.

A special meeting of Blackpool's full council, called immediately afterwards, overturned the decision and agreed to make an interest-free loan of

Champions given the seal of approval

Non-League Football, By Paul Newman

For the first time under the current system of entry into the Gola League, the champions of all three "feeder" leagues look certain to be admitted this summer.

Gateshead (Multipart League) and Welling United (Southern League) have both been accepted after passing ground inspections. Sutton United (Vauxhall-Opel League) will be visited by Gola League officials next week and their ground is believed to meet comfortably the required standards. In previous seasons at least one of the three champion clubs have not been promoted either because they did not want to move or because their facilities were unacceptable.

Gateshead, who share their town's international athletics stadium, did not expect any problems with their application as they were members of the Gola League until being relegated a year ago. Welling, however, have had to improve their ground substantially this season and have been admitted only on the understanding that they make a number of further minor alterations.

The promotion of three clubs and the relegation of one club to each of the three feeder leagues (relegated clubs are always given the option of returning to their former leagues) means that there will be no problems this summer in redistributing clubs

among the feeders in order to preserve their respective strengths. Barrow, who return to the Multipart League, and Darford, who rejoin the Southern League, had both looked doomed for several weeks, but the relegation of Wycombe Wanderers, whose fate was sealed by Dagenham's draw at Runcorn on Sunday, is a surprise.

Parsons scales heights for another record

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Geoff Parsons added another centimetre to his United Kingdom high jump record, with a 2.27 metres in a match at Crystal Palace on Wednesday. Parsons was successful on his second attempt and, considering the cold and blustery conditions and the fact he failed marginally at 2.31 metres, looks certain to repeat his winter indoor best of 2.30 metres. This is his third British record.

Another excellent performance in the Southern Counties v RAF v West London Institute match was the 1m 47.65sec victory for John Gladwin in the 800 metres. There was a fine comeback for Steve Crabb in second place, with 1:48.7. Crabb had two victories over Steve Cram during the 1984 season, but missed last year with



Feast of Steven: the Everton midfielder player is the man to exploit a flaw on Liverpool's left side, says David Pleat

Confidence and balance of Everton impresses Pleat

By Clive White

Mountfield doubt

Derek Mountfield's swollen knee could force Everton into a dramatic defensive reshuffle for tomorrow's FA Cup final. The 23-year-old centre half has been unable to train this week and is still undergoing intensive treatment.

When the former Tranmere Rovers defender was out of action earlier in the season, Everton tried various permutations before introducing their young £50,000 signing from Scunthorpe, Pointon, at full back and switching Van den Hauwe into the centre. But Pointon, his ankle in plaster, is a non-starter, and Kendall would be forced to give the former Liverpool reserve, Alan Harper, an unexpected recall.

After another famous Turf performance as a never-say-die attitude. No one has tested this quality more to their cost in the last two seasons than Luton Town. Last season they led Everton until the latter stages of their semi-final before losing in extra time. This season, at the quarter-final stage, they led the champions by two goals before Everton pulled level and then David Pleat, Luton's manager, remains a big admirer.

"A succession of victories has bred an almost arrogant confidence in them," Pleat said. The start of this success is reminiscent of a £2 million offer from Barcelona for the player.

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defence, they don't let you breathe.

Pleat sees Steven as the key figure in tomorrow's final. "If there is a chink anywhere in Liverpool's armour it is on the left side of defence. Steven has the ability if he stays wide and does not fill midfield too much to unsettle Beglin. On the other hand, Johnston against Van den Hauwe could be interesting, but I think the Everton player can handle his pace."

For all Luton's disappointments at the hands of Everton it is the former champions who now have more cause to curse the small Bedfordshire club. Kendall believes the title was lost there.

"Everton can afford to leave out valuable players like Heath, Wilkinson, Pointon and until recently Mimms," Pleat observed. "Liverpool will be leaning out Walsh, Wark and McMahon or MacDonald. And if Larsson doesn't play then, my word, we are improving our defence. I'm against it, but we are judged by the best. But certain other clubs won't be able to get near them because they can maintain standards through a group of players."

Certainly, they are in a position to be able to make big profits on big signings. Linaker cost Everton £800,000 less than 12 months ago, yet Kendall was unimpressed with an alleged £2 million offer from Barcelona for the player.

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Richards runs riot as Somerset go in search of points

By Alan Gibson

TALNTON: Glamorgan with eight first innings wickets standing are 274 runs behind Somerset.

Somerset began at 126 for one and a marvellous century by Richards enabled them to declare just after lunch at 300 for four, having achieved their fourth batting point. Hardy was caught at the wicket off Thomas for 34. Richards then came in, and scored 100 in 48 balls.

Strange though it may seem it was not an especially exciting innings for those accustomed to Richards. There were few unusual strokes. He just hit the ball for four or six whenever and wherever he felt like it. He was particularly severe upon Ontong, but this was not because Ontong bowled worse than the others, just that he caught Richards in the mood more often.

In 1921 MacCartney, the Australian, scored 345 in a day at Trent Bridge against Nottinghamshire and a local supporter named it up as "bloody monotonous." I can see what he meant. Flawless can be boring.

Richards' dismissal made it 245 for three, of which Roebuck, the captain, had scored a faithful 49. There was a case for him declaring straight away, or at least at lunch, in the hope of a suitable response from Glamorgan; there was also a case for him batting on for 400 and hoping to bowl out the opposition twice (this, I think, is what Close would have done). At lunch the score was 294 for four and Roebuck decided to bat on until the fourth point was secured, then declared immediately.

This was probably a sensible compromise since the sky was grey and there had already been several splutters of rain.

Every point was worthwhile. Glamorgan lost two quick wickets to Garner, Hopkins and Morris both caught in the slips, and were 26 for two when the rain really settled in.

Garner bowled sharply, even for him, as though someone had suggested he was not as quick as Thomas — or had reminded him it was his birthday year.

SOMERSET: First Innings
*P M Roebuck not out 76
*P A Foster 66
J E Hardy 49
V A Richards 34
V A Handley 24
R J Bartlett not out 18
Extras (b 4, w 3, no 10) 17
Total (4 wickets down, 72.5 overs) 317
V J Malpas 10
V J Taylor 17
V J Garner 15
M S Turner did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-130, 3-245, 4-294 (4 wickets down, 72.5 overs)

Athey at his best Yorkshire foiled by Lenham

By Peter Marston

Gloucestershire were among those counties fortunate enough to witness the rain and rain which disrupted the Britannia Assurance championship programme yesterday. Settling out in the morning against Northamptonshire at Northampton, they were strongly placed at 348 for four from 97 overs with Athey 144 not out and Curran an undefeated 13. These two pushed on by 53 runs, pocketing a third bonus point, before Craveny declared at 301 for four.

Along the way, Athey's fifth wicket partnership with Curran had yielded 110 runs from 30 overs and taken him past 170, his score against Derbyshire last season, to his best championship performance, in a stay of six hours and nine minutes.

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Dilley's hat-trick alerts selectors

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD: Kent, with five second innings wickets in hand, are 207 runs ahead of Essex.

A hat-trick by Graham Dilley, the second of his career, and coming at an opportune time as he served with pace and hostility to catch the selectors' eye, helped Kent, who declared at their overnight total, to a 98-run lead. This they extended after quick captures of their first two wickets.

Lenham's promise was apparent in the 11 games he played last summer. Sussex, however, could not have anticipated that their experiment of asking him to take Mendis' place as an opening batsman, would succeed so well. Lenham's composure was seldom ruffled, though the ball regularly swung under the heavy clouds and the pitch yielded uneven bounces.

Sidebottom looked the most penetrative of the bowlers; Jarvis was usually first. At times, though, the Yorkshire seamer bowlers erred in direction and Lenham scored many runs through forehand and correct strokes off his leg.

Lenham hit nine fours and was seventh out in the 51st over when he tried to on-drive Harley and gave the bowler a low, return catch. This was the third of four wickets Sussex lost in consecutive overs after tea.

The only support Lenham received came from Alan Wells, who shared a third wicket stand of 85 in 27 overs. Rain delayed the start for 75 minutes and Sussex soon hit their target. Parker, Green edged a low catch to first slip; Parker played a ball, which kept low, on to his boot and it rolled into his stumps.

Wells never looked at ease as his first century, third slip by Love, who clung to a rebound off second slip's chest. Barclay was beaten by Sidebottom's movement; standing support forward and the Sussex collapse had started.

SUSSEX: First Innings
N J Lenham not out 75
A J Wells 54
P W G Parter 3
J R T Barclay 1
O K Standring 1
Wells & Lenham 85
A J Roberts not out 0
Extras (b 0, w 2, no 2) 12
Total (8 wickets down, 72.5 overs) 150
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-21, 3-108, 4-117, 5-130, 6-131, 7-132, 8-162, 9-187, 10-207 (5 wickets down, 72.5 overs)

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J L Baker 47
A J Getty 38
D R Wilson 28
P B Giff 24
S P A J De Freitas 22
W K R Benjamin not out 11
Extras (b 2, w 1, no 7) 25
Total (5 wickets down, 58.5 overs) 256
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-11, 3-115, 4-163, 5-191, 6-221, 7-256
MIDDLESEX: First Innings
W Gattano 90
R O Butcher 67
P R Downing 39
Extras (b 0, w 3, no 3) 15
Total (5 wickets down, 48.5 overs) 236

Surrey v Warwicks

AT THE OVAL
SURREY: First Innings
A C Jones 56
C R Gifford 48
J E Joseph 38
S P A J De Freitas 22
Extras (b 4, w 2, no 3) 30
Total (5 wickets down, 70.5 overs) 300
WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
Surrey 174 (30.5 M)
Extras (b 4, w 0, no 0) 0
Total (8 wickets down, 70.5 overs) 174

Northants v Gloucestershire

AT NORTHAMPTON
GLoucestershire: First Innings
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
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Extras (b 2, w 1, no 7) 25
Total (5 wickets down, 58.5 overs) 256
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
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Cancellation

The Libyan crisis and the threat of terrorist activity in the Mediterranean has prompted the Class A Yacht Association to cancel the Maxi world championship, which was scheduled to be held in Greece during August.

It has also been suggested in America that the United States should not send a team to Libya's Sardinia Cup in September, but John Wright, chief measurer of the US Yacht Racing Union, said yesterday that the selection trials for the three-boat team, to be held off Newport, Rhode Island, from May 10, would proceed.

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Faldo sure he will get back in swing

By Mitchell Platts

Nick Faldo is well aware that a head-to-head confrontation over 18 holes is not the easiest route back into the European circuit following an indifferent four months in the United States this season.

Even so, Faldo will approach his first round encounter with Ove Selberg, of Sweden, in the Epson Grand Prix of Europe at St. Pierre, Chesham, today confident he has crossed the threshold of finding the light at the end of a long dark tunnel.

Faldo has not won a tournament for two years. It is a statistic which hurts his pride. However, he considers that there will be a reward for spending the last 12 months changing his swing under the instruction of the American-based teacher David Ledbetter.

It won't be forgotten that he won 11 tournaments in Europe using the swing, 1 has won 13 years as either a professional or an amateur. I have been working on my new swing for one year. I believe that the time has been well spent and that the results will be forthcoming.

Faldo is now back on the European tour for an extended spell. He is only in this tournament courtesy of an invitation from the sponsors. So he will be a bonus if he has an extended run this week, especially as he could face Sam Torrance in the second round even if he overcomes the much-improved Selberg.

Faldo, too, knows the capricious nature of match play. Remember the three-holes against Sandy Lyle with 17 holes to play in the World Match Play championship in 1982 and he still lost.

Lyle, who faces Christy O'Connor Junior in the first round today, is the tournament favourite. Lyle, of course, has overtaken Faldo as either a player in Britain today. But Lyle, too, knows that nothing is certain in match play.

Garner keeps in contact in spite of her lenses

From John Hennessy, Chantilly

Maureen Garner, playing in only her second tournament as a professional after a distinguished amateur career, and Diane Barnard, a member of the IBM team, were the unexpected leaders on the first day of the Hennessy Cognac Cup, the most richly endowed event of the Women's Professional Golf Association tour with a prize fund of £60,000.

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Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1

8.00 Corfax AM, 8.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick Ross, A special borough and by-election results edition...

TV-AM

8.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen, 8.30 News at 8.30, 9.00 News at 9.00...

BBC 2

6.55 Open University, Chancellor's School 7.20 Weekend Outlook, Ends at 8.30, 8.45 Daytime on Two solutions to Ministerial problems...

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Last Supper, House, A repeat of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Commons...

Radio 4

On long wave, VHF variations at end of long wave, 6.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing, 6.55 Farming 6.55 (P) 6.55 Today's News 6.55-7.00 News 6.55-7.00 News 7.00-7.15 News 7.15-7.30 News 7.30-7.45 Thought for the Day...

Radio 3

On medium wave, VHF variations at end of medium wave, 6.55 News, 7.00 News, 7.05 Morning Concert: Gounod (Ballet music from Faust)...

Radio 2

4.00 News, 4.15 News, 4.30 News, 4.45 News, 5.00 News, 5.15 News, 5.30 News, 5.45 News, 6.00 News...

Radio 1

5.30 Adrian John's 6.00 Mike 6.30 News, 6.45 News, 7.00 News, 7.15 News, 7.30 News, 7.45 News...

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Ferguson goes for experience

By Hugh Taylor

Apart from a rumbustious David Speedie, Scotland's pool of 22 players for the World Cup announced yesterday is made up of tried and trusted players who battled so vigorously to take the country through a formidable qualifying section. There may be surprise at the omission of the Liverpool captain, Hansen, whose elegant style was thought by many to be ideal for the sapping heat of Mexico, but the manager, Alex Ferguson, obviously believes that he has in his own Aberdeen players, Miller and McLeish, perhaps the best central partnership in the tournament and so feels that he cannot tamper with his reliable defensive formation. Hansen remains on standby with Speedie, Archibald, MacLeod, Money and Nevin.

Speedie has made it plain that he is aggrieved at being axed from the pool and he will have many sympathisers who admired his fierce commitment in qualifying matches. All the manager would say was "This was one of the most difficult decisions of my career," but it is believed that the Chelsea forward's bustling approach would be out of place in Mexico, where control will be

Scotland squad

- J Leighton (Aberdeen)
- A Rough (Hibernian)
- A Goram (Dundee)
- R Gough (Dundee Utd)
- S Nicol (Liverpool)
- M Malpas (Dundee Utd)
- A McLeish (Aberdeen)
- W Miller (Aberdeen)
- D Narey (Dundee Utd)
- F McAvennie (Manchester Utd)
- G Souless (Rangers)
- G Strachan (Manchester Utd)
- P McStay (Celtic)
- J Bell (Aberdeen)
- R Aldren (Celtic)
- E Bannon (Dundee Utd)
- K Dalglish (Liverpool)
- F McAvennie (West Ham)
- C Nicholas (Arsenal)
- G Sharp (Everton)
- S Strorck (Dundee Utd)
- D Cooper (Rangers)

On stand-by: S Archibald (Aberdeen), A Hansen (Liverpool), M MacLeod (Celtic), K Money (St Mirren), S Nevin (Chelsea), D Speedie (Chelsea).

of more importance than pace and strength.

However, to the supporters of the new Scottish champions, Celtic, the real mystery of Ferguson's selection is the absence of Johnston, who has sprung back to play a key role in his club's astonishing title victory and is again accepted as the most impressive forward in the country.

Johnston does not even figure in the standby list and Scotland's front men will come from Dalglish, who can hardly be expected to play a full 90 minutes in every game, the dependable Sharp, the much-improved Nicholas, and Strorck, who has the ability to twist and turn in the Dalglish manner in the penalty area.

None of these players, however, can equal the sharpness of Johnston and so the country is left to wonder what has caused the Celtic centre forward to fall out of favour.

As, however, there is versatility as well as what could prove a happy blend of the artist and the artisan in the squad, there is a prospect of a team being found to do much better in a formidable class than those disillusioned by the frantic display in the international with England at Wembley are expecting.

Much will depend on the fitness of Strachan, who must be the dominating figure in midfield, and perhaps on whether McStay can regain the form which not so long ago made him the most promising of a rich crop of young Scottish players.

SCOTLAND SQUAD FOR WORLD CUP FINALS

- JIM LEIGHTON: Aged 27, caps: 26. International debut against Germany 1982. Scotland's first choice goalkeeper, solid and reliable.
- ALAN ROUGH: (34, 53) Scotland's most capped goalkeeper. He third successive World Cup finals.
- ANDY GORAM: (22, 3). Debut against Germany last October. Small but inspired goalkeeper.
- RICHARD GOUGH: (24, 23). Can play at full back, in central defence, or in midfield. Debut against Switzerland 1982.
- STEVE NICOL: (24, 6) Debut v Yugoslavia, 1984. At home in defence or in midfield.
- DAVE NAREY: (23, 29) Versatile defender who performed well at full back in last World Cup finals, provides good cover for McLeish and Miller.
- MARCE MALPAS: (23, 10) Can play in a number of positions but essentially a defender. Debut v France, 1984.
- ALEX MCLEISH: (27, 43) Forms successful partnership with Willie Miller for Aberdeen and Scotland. Strong-tackling centre back.
- WILLIE MILLER: (31, 48) One of the most outstanding "sweepers" in British football. Dependable vice-captain to Souless.
- ARTHUR ALBISTON: (23, 13) Debut against Northern Ireland in 1982. Reliable, strong-tackling left back.
- GRAEME SOULESS: (33, 53) Scotland's captain and midfield general. Inspirational figure, will be first Scot to captain his country in two World Cup finals.
- GORDON STRACHAN: (29, 34) Small, alert, skilful and with boundless energy, is driving force going forward.
- PAUL MCSTAY: (21, 15) Capped at 18, he is mature for his age. Gifted midfielder with excellent vision. Injured on debut against Holland. Intelligent user of the ball.
- ROY AITKEN: (27, 20) Formidable scorer for club, with an exceptional ability to turn defenders.
- DAVID COOPER: (20, 14) Possesses excellent close control and skills which make him a devastating wing.
- FRANK McAVENNIE: (26, 2) Player of international stature, will be Scotland's scoring record of 30 with Denis Law.
- CHARLIE NICHOLAS: (24, 15) Scored on debut against Switzerland in 1983 but has performed disappointingly since transfer from Celtic to Arsenal.
- GRAEME SHARP: (25, 6) Talented Scotland's attackers. Strong and agile, with ability to unleash defences.
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The Queen's Balmoral Mage, first in the pecking order and second in the highland pony class (Photograph: Peter T. Hewart)

A second title for Seabrook

By Jenny MacArthur

Vin Toulson and Mrs Jane Dewar's heavyweight hunter, Seabrook, took their second major title of the season when they won yesterday's Toshiba Hunter championship on the first day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show in the Home Park. The reserve title went to Peter Hobbs's outstanding lightweight, Micky Springfield.

Seabrook, a seven-year-old chestnut gelding by Steward's Hammer, was produced by Peter Richmond last year and by Robert Oliver the year before. He came to Toulson's Leicestershire Yard last May. He has had a long winter rest from which he has clearly benefited.

In the well-lit lightweight class, the judges, Michael Gibson and Thady Ryan (the Master and Huntsman of the Black and Tan in Ireland), wasted little time in putting the seven-year-old Micky Springfield, ridden by Sally Hobbs, at the head of the line. The bay gelding by Mihus out of Shelmore Valley looks twice the horse he was last year when he was shown only lightly.

In an exact reversal of last year's positions, Gainsight Bloodstock Limited's lively bay gelding, Dancin', stood second in the lightweight class, ridden by Nigel Oliver.

RESULTS: Toshiba Hunter championship: Champion: Seabrook (V Toulson); Reserve: Micky Springfield (S Hobbs); Lightweight 1, Micky Springfield (S Hobbs); 2, Dancin' (N Oliver); 3, Autumn Spice (V Toulson); 4, Micky Springfield (S Hobbs); 5, Pembrokeshire (V Toulson); 6, Three's A Crowd (N Oliver); 7, Country Life (P Moon); Heavyweight: 1, Seabrook (V Toulson); 2, Three's A Crowd (N Oliver); 3, Gipsy; 4, Mountain and Moorland pony championship: Champion: Willoughby Pippa's Gold (M Brown); 2, Gipsy; 3, Gipsy; 4, Pippa's Gold (M Brown); 5, Pippa's Gold (M Brown).

Private sector invests £1.5m in success for Britain

By David Miller

A City insurance group, Minet Holdings, is to contribute £1.5 million in assisting British preparation for the 1988 Olympic Games. This is a second step, coming from the private sector, following the Sports Council Review Group's recommendation, under the chairmanship of Sebastian Coe, for a substantial increase in backing for Britain's sports men and women.

The Sports Council had previously announced a fund of £3.7 million, to be directed through the governing bodies of individual sports. What the Minet sponsorship will do is to bring on to the map of assistance many of those who were previously beyond the fringe and feeling somewhat grudging about the substantial assistance that was available to those at the top.

The new sponsorship, which is to be administered by

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with a minimum of £400, which will be reassessed each year according to their progression. As General Ian Graeme of the SAF, whose speciality is skiing but who guides the grants committee for all sports, says, the main advantage of the Minet sponsorship is that it will now be possible to give assistance to junior categories: those who may be medal winners in eight or 12 years time, rather than in two years.

This is the first time in Britain that such sums have been earmarked for Olympic preparation by a commercial organisation on such a basis.

"The financial hardships faced by Britain's sports men and women have been recognised as a barrier to success," Seb Coe said yesterday. "This money will not in itself bring success, but it will allow our competitors to compete without having to worry quite so much about their bank managers.

On the present estimate there are around 545 competitors who would be eligible, but 36 of these - 27 of them from athletics - are discounted because they already have the advantage of personal trust funds.

The remainder have been divided into three categories. An elite group, estimated at 27, who have a reasonable prospect of gaining a medal in Seoul, will receive up to £6,000 a year in personal assistance to improve their training facility and capacity. A further 114 are said to be in an international group likely to perform with distinction. They will receive up to £2,000. The remaining 370 or so will receive the smaller grants,

Why fun is a serious matter

Simon Barnes

"When I was in Sheffield for the snooker, I met a lady who was a very serious snooker enthusiast. I never knew what to say when she was talking to me. She suddenly asked me a question. I explained as best I could. She looked at me with intense curiosity, and then asked: "Do you like sport?"

"Once again, I answered both truthfully, and slightly shamefacedly. "Yes, or quite a bit." Well, lots of people don't like sport, and among them are many sports reporters and professional sportsmen. But me, I like the stuff."

"Even snooker?" she asked.

"Yes." This week, especially snooker, as a matter of fact.

I feared her next question. I knew, you see, that she never put any salt in her food and that when she ate an egg she felt guilty.

"Why," she asked, "what's good about it?"

"Well, it's just such fun," I said, weakly and inadequately, and with a vision of Braxels flitting sabbidly into my mind.

It was a hopeless success. But on the other hand, if sport is not fun, then what on earth is it for. And this has, for once, been a week that has been dominated by fun.

Occasional scandal

Joe Johnston winning the snooker was great. Press men are meant to be impartial to the point of cynicism, but I clasped my hands raw. Willie Thorne, a charming man and a fine snooker player, was standing a few yards away, and I caught his surreptitiously wiping tears from his eyes. He, too, was sharing the delight of one of sport's better moments.

Snooker is all right. Despite the occasional scandal and the odd squabble, it holds itself together better than many sports that have had more practice at being major sports. Eric Milwinter, said of the game, in his new and intelligent book *Sport: A History*, "Most important of all, there is no political undercurrent. National contests are lukewarm, and almost always settling a dozen or so snooker players." Snooker has not been the cause of a diplomatic or international incident. This, in part, is because, while watchers have favourites and players have followings, these have never become too significant. The very traits and approaches of highly individualist performers seem to be appreciated widely, almost like those golden days when thousands went to Lord's to watch Oxford play Cambridge with but a transient affection for one or the other.

This is a good text for a week which contained both snooker's world championship and the anniversary of Brussels, that night when football really did become a life-and-death matter. Sport is the ultimate trivial pursuit: it should never matter as it did in Brussels.

Marsh beware the shadow

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Even those who wanted Clinton McKenzie, the 30-year-old veteran from Croydon, to win and had thought that he had beaten Tony Laing, of Nottingham, when they met for the vacant British light-welterweight title at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night, could not have been disappointed when the former British, Commonwealth and European champion announced after his defeat that he was retiring.

McKenzie was just a shadow of his old self, unable to shape into those combinations to the body. Had he scraped through and won the title he

fixed; we are talking about the venue." Warren said. "We would rather fight in Monte Carlo. They want Naples. Terry will fight him anywhere."

Marsh is even willing to meet Rene Arredondo, the new World Boxing Council champion - even in the Mexican backyard, the fearsome Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles. When a colleague warned that that was where the customers were relieved of their guns and knives at the door, the former Maroon said: "I'll fight for the title anywhere, even there, anywhere but Kiev."

first won eight years ago, it is almost certain he would have been struggling to get away from those chasing him, or to keep up with the energetic Terry Marsh, the European champion, who would have been his next target.

Marsh is to have a "warm-up" on May 28 at Alexandra Pavilion, London, for his world title bout against Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, which is expected to take place on July 10 in Monte Carlo or Naples. He will be meeting Grant Walters, of the United States, a boxer, like Oliva. "The date for the world title is

Martin Brundle looked like being 20th in the list five minutes from the end of qualifying, but then he put in a crisp and clean lap in the Data General Tyrrell to move up six places.

Mansell in danger of failing to qualify

From John Blunsden, Monte Carlo

Pre-race practice and qualification on the streets of Monte Carlo invariably constitutes one of the most tense episodes of the grand prix year, and yesterday that reputation was reinforced as team after team ran into problems.

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Decline of Bournemouth

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

It has become increasingly difficult these past few years to see any way in which British tennis has benefited from the rigidly monolithic, dollar-oriented structure of the modern professional game. It has become increasingly easy, on the other hand, to observe the decline of Britain's international tournaments. Take, as an example, Bournemouth.

There used to be a charming international festival at Bournemouth, which has a special place in history as the scene of the first open tournament in 1968. The walls of the club dining-room bear photographs of Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Margaret Court, Ann Jones, Christine Truman and Virginia Wade. They all played at Bournemouth and the crowds flocked to watch.

This week the same premises are accommodating the fourth tournament in a five-week series for which the Lawn Tennis Association have set aside £90,000 in the hope that British players would be eager enough and good enough to make the most of modest cosmopolitan competition.

TENNIS

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Well, Jane Wood and Andrew Castle reached the singles finals of the first tournament on the circuit, at Hampton, and a British pair of each sex have contested doubles finals. Other than that, the British challenge has been, again, by a side of mediocrity that flowed too strongly for them.

The four British women in the draw at Bournemouth all lost in the first round. Of 16 British men, only Stuart Bale and Mike Walker advanced to the quarter-finals and both were beaten yesterday, by younger men. The sky was overcast, the breeze chilly and the thinly scattered spectators were mostly there because they saw that personal affiliation demanded it.

Bale, ranked fourth in Britain, was beaten by Patrick Flynn, aged 17, of Brisbane, who lives and works at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and is a member of the national junior squad. For the fourth time in as many weeks, Walker played the "spare man" of Israel's Davis Cup team, Gilad Bloom, who won last week's tournament at

SPORT IN BRIEF

McDonnell to defend

Jim McDonnell, the British holder of the European featherweight boxing championship, will defend his title against Salvatore Botteglieri, of Italy, at Wembley on June 19, the European Boxing Union (EBU) announced.

yesterday, McDonnell won the title last November when he stopped Jose Luis Vicho, of Spain, in the fourth round of their bout in London.

Another European champion, Cirio de Leva, of Italy, will defend his bantamweight title for the seventh time when he meets Spain's Vicente Fernandez on June 26. The venue has still to be fixed.

Bedser portrait

A portrait of Alec Bedser, the former England bowler, Test selector and now president elect of Surrey County Cricket Club, is to be hung in the Long Room at the Oval today. The portrait, by Peter Morgan, was commissioned by David Evans, the chairman of Luton Town Football Club and also of Eren Green Holdings, the firm by whom the Bedser twins, Alec and Eric, are employed.

Scotch missed

A two-gallon bottle of whisky which was the Oxford United Football Club manager, Maurice Evans, as Bell's stagen from the month, has been stolen from his office at the Manor ground. Evans had offered the whisky, worth £60, to be raffled for the benefit fund of the reserve team manager, David Fogg.

Canada hosts

Canada will host the 1987 Federation Cup, the women's world team championship for tennis, in Vancouver from July 20 to 26, the International Tennis Federation said yesterday (Rexner reports). A record 43 nations will take part in this year's competition in Prague.

Ridiculous achievement

Football commemorated this anniversary with the European Cup final, a match that was full of the football of fear, the result was all that mattered to anyone there, and it mattered far too much. And so it was a complete waste of everybody's time.

But even football - sometimes even especially football - can still bring us those gorgeously irrelevant joys. Perhaps the all-Liverpool FA Cup final will bring us a further helping. If the match can be played in as jolly an atmosphere as the Rugby League Challenge Cup final a fortnight back, it will be a grand occasion.

Even the old sing-along of the league has been pretty good fun this season, and the best bit of all has been the ascent of Wembley to the first division. Ten seasons ago they played in the Southern League, and a defender called Dave Bassett kept getting booked. Now Bassett has managed the club to this ridiculous achievement: if the award-givers care anything at all about the true joys of football, then they will give their Manager of the Year title to Bassett.

All this and more. I wish I could have explained to the brown rice lady. Sport may not always be fun, but fun can still be found in sport - and fun, after all, is why sport is.

"Fair Games Myles and Kathleen in Sport," by Eric Milwinter, published by Allen and Unwin, Price £12.95.

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